



GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE

Representative Gene Pelowski
Chair, Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee
491 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

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Dear Members of the House Committee on Higher Education Finance and Policy,

We are writing to you today on behalf of the Gustavus Adolphus College Student Government to express our support for the passage of House File 1912. The Minnesota State Grant is a crucial government system that boosts our state economy through the creation of more opportunities for low- and middle-income students. Last academic year, 778 Gustavus Students received the Minnesota State Grant—that is 34% of our student body. The state grant promises choice to prospective students to pursue the best educational option for themselves. We, as Gustavus Students and members of the Gustavus Student Senate, know firsthand the importance that choice offers to our students.

HF 1912 will reduce the expected student contribution from 50% to 42%. We fully support the reduced student share because it will increase State Grant amounts for students at all colleges and universities in Minnesota, whether private or public. An accessible higher education program will give students life-changing opportunities.

Therefore, the Gustavus Adolphus College Student Senate endorses HF 1912. We hope that our letter of support will demonstrate the importance of the Minnesota State Grant not only to students in Minnesota, but to the greater Minnesota Community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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