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Chair Pelowski and members of the Higher Education Committee:

I had the honor to serve as Chair during my years in the Minnesota Legislature. It's an awesome responsibility and a position all of us take very seriously.

The challenge among higher education was providing the best learning opportunity to help students achieve their success in the future. This is a big responsibility and takes inputs from all involved in the life of these students.

I recall many testifiers who came before this committee. They ranged from the President of the University to the Chancellor of M State and students from Minnesota's various college institutions. Students from MICC held our attention because this first hand testimony came from students who saw how higher education was important for their future.

When students from MICC came before us, I was personally impressed with their confidence and willingness to share their experience. They shared their goal of independence living along with social and vocational hopes and dreams.

These students learn the important lessons of independence. MICC's program includes social engagement, homecare, personal supports, health and wellness, community involvement and medication management. These are the same skills we expect all citizens to demonstrate as adults.

I urge you to hear direct from representatives of MICC. During a time of surplus, consider hearing what this program has to offer and the payback this investment will make.

Sincerely,



Bud Nornes