



Chair Bernardy & House Committee on
Higher Education Finance and Policy
St. Paul, MN 55155

March 8, 2022

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

I am writing today on behalf of the Augsburg University Student Government to express our collective support for the passage of HF3933. This bill has been tirelessly worked on through research conducted by the Minnesota Association of Private College Students, represented by Anna Cox and Gabriela Ortiz-Riera.

Through research conducted by various organizations on our campus alone, we have identified that about over 73% of students on our campus required assistance with obtaining food. Furthermore, over 100 students per day of our student body utilizes our food pantry provided on campus. The low funding on our current food pantry makes it difficult to serve all the student body needs. The importance of having easy access to nutritional food is vital to the success of all Minnesota college students regardless of if they attend public or private school. This bill could have a big impact our campus and the other private colleges in the State of Minnesota. I fully endorse the amendment to the Hunger-Free Campus Law.

The Augsburg University Student Government, thereby endorses the amendment to the Hunger-Free Campus Law. Our senators very much appreciated the willingness of your committee members to consider the hard work conducted by the Minnesota Association of Private College Students. In keeping with the Student Senate's shared vision to be informed citizens, thoughtful stewards, critical thinkers, and responsible leaders. We hope that this letter of support, along with our desire to make our campus Hunger Free, creates a dialogue amongst the Minnesota State Legislators that results in the passage of this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Augsburg Day Student Government