

February 13, 2023

Sen. Omar Fateh, Chair  
Sen. Zach Duckworth, Minority Lead  
Senate Higher Education Committee Members

Dear Chair Fateh, Sen. Duckworth, and Senate Higher Education Committee Members:

The institutions that are members of the Minnesota Private College Council are grateful for the capital facilities financing options made available to them through the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority (MnHEFA). We value our strong 50-year working relationship with the Authority and want to continue our work with them in the future.

S.F. 439 expands MnHEFA's financing authority to include health care facilities. We are aware that a significant number of states around the country with similar financing agencies successfully authorize their agencies to serve both the nonprofit higher education sector and the health care sector. We believe an expansion of MnHEFA's authority will actually provide enhanced efficiencies to existing and future users of the agency's financing authority, including members of the Private College Council.

I write to convey the Minnesota Private College Council's support for Senate File 439. This bill contains the same language that passed both the House and Senate in 2022. We encourage its passage again this year.

Regards,



Paul Cerkvénik, President  
Minnesota Private College Council