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Senator Omar Fateh
Chair, Higher Education Committee
95 University Avenue W.
Minnesota Senate Building, Room 3219
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Members of the Senate Higher Education Committee,

I am writing today on behalf of the University of St Thomas Undergraduate Student Government to express our collective support for the passage of SF2393.

The passage of SF2393, the State Grant bill, will help to lower the share of college costs the State Grant formula expects students to cover from 50 to 42 percent. This would allow the average State Grant awards to go up by $1,100 which would help around 61,000 students have access to higher education. The State Grant program provides aid to low- and middle-income families and provides support for all college options. The State Grant also helps to increase graduation rates and encourages students to stay in Minnesota. This bill is instrumental in aiding equal access to higher education in Minnesota, further allowing students to pursue their education and career goals.

I ask that you prioritize college affordability and workforce by supporting HF1912 when the time comes. The students of Minnesota are the future of our state, our economy, and our community. They need your support in order to achieve greatness.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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