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Chair Sorvaag and Committee Members,

Thank you, Senators Sorvaag, and Sickler, and Representatives Sanford and Swiontek for introducing and sponsoring HB 2212. Mayville State University is in support of HB 2212.

The use of Tier II funds for bond payments would be a significant benefit to Mayville State as it continues to implement plans to improve and better maintain its aging facilities. The ability to match funds at a 1:1 ratio would result in Mayville being able to access the funding and keep up with its aging infrastructure.

The increase in Tier III by \$2M is highly supported and would be of great benefit to Mayville, bringing this funding to \$2.5M. The reduction in match to 1:9 would also increase the ability of Mayville State to raise matching funds to access these funds and make significant improvements to its facilities as they are needed.

The elimination of the pooling of carryover funds would also enable MSU to accumulate for larger projects in the future. Mayville is currently carrying over the maximum biennia of Tier II and III funds as it has not been able to reach the 2:1 or matching levels required. We are grateful to be able to use that on the Old Main Project.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in favor of this positive bill.

Sincerely,

President Van Horn