

Date: March [redacted], 2023

To: Senate Committee on Education

From: [redacted] (and organization, if applicable)

RE: Support for SB 273 and Positive Public University Governance Changes

Chair Dembrow, Vice-Chair Weber, and Members of the Committee:

My name is [redacted] and I am writing to express **support for Senate Bill 273**, which will ensure greater transparency, accountability, and access to Public University Governing Boards for students, faculty and staff. This bill is an important step forward in creating public universities that meaningfully involve all stakeholders.

Use 1-2 or more of the Messaging bullet points below.

- *In recent years, Boards of Trustees have not had full representation or participation by faculty, students, and staff.*
- *Decisions that are made with our involvement are stronger and less divisive.*
- *This bill will ensure that we have a voice to speak to the board and get responses from the board; simple common sense changes like providing email addresses and requiring responses to our questions.*
- *Increasing student, faculty, and staff positions on Board of Trustees will make boards more effective by directly involving constituents.*

Add 3-5 sentences about why the public university governance reforms bill is impactful to your life and/or community. This is where you should really hone in on the impact and importance of reforming the Board of Trustees by weaving in your union's experience and stories of unaccountable, non-transparent boards of trustees.

This is why I urge your yes vote on HB 2611. I thank the Senate Education Committee's work on this bill and all of the countless hours spent making a strong bill that meets the needs of many stakeholders. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

[redacted]
Your name