Joint Committee on Ways & Means April 17, 2021 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. hearing

Co-Chairs Johnson, Steiner Hayward and Rayfied and Co-Vice Chairs Girod, Gomberg and Smith,

Thank you for scheduling a hearing to take input from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District. We appreciate this unique opportunity to submit comments to you regarding HB 2907.

On behalf of the Associated Student Government at BMCC, we support HB 2907 to appropriate moneys from General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for the Community College Support Fund for distribution to community colleges and community college service districts.

Below are statements from four of our leaders:

"For me, BMCC lives up to its motto of "Students First." It's a welcoming community for every student to integrate in and feel at home. What's more, it's affordable and the instructors go beyond the bare minimum. I know I made the right choice to become a Timberwolf!"

- Megan Van Pelt, ASG President

"BMCC opened many doors for me and my future. Thanks to BMCC I was able to meet a ton of amazing people through ASG and this helped mold me into a better person" - Brandon Juarez, ASG Vice President

"I believe that I am getting a better education that is more personalized to my needs, for a cheaper price, than I would if I would've gone straight to a four year college. The staff have done an amazing job supporting and guiding me through the process of receiving my degree. I don't think I would have been nearly as happy or successful as I am right now if I would have gone to any other school than BMCC."

- Cloe Davis, ASG Secretary

"As a non-traditional student, returning to a school environment was difficult, the great faculty of BMCC helped me adjust and enjoy my return to classwork and get started on my degree journey. BMCC was an important first step towards a successful future"

- Zac Kightlinger Taps, ASG Senator