



June 28, 2019

The Honorable Tony Evers
Governor, State of Wisconsin
Wisconsin State Capitol
P.O. Box 7863
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Governor Evers:

On behalf of Mayo Clinic Health System in northwest Wisconsin, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support of UWEC's efforts to secure state funding to construct a new science building and ask that you include the project in your final budget.

Having entered into a research collaborative agreement with UWEC in 2017, Mayo strongly supports UWEC in their efforts to build a new science building to further develop tomorrow's scientists and researchers. The collaboration was established as both an opportunity for UWEC students to have additional learning opportunities, and to make way for projects that will lead to improved health and wellness in the community. Over time, the collaboration expects to increase recruitment of biomedical/pre-medicine science students to the region, provide opportunities for cross-collaboration between students and Mayo providers/researchers, and promote subsequent enrollment in medical programs and biomedical science jobs in the region.

As you know, Mayo Clinic Health System has set a \$13 million philanthropic target to support the cost of creating and occupying a 10,000-square-foot shared workspace in the UWEC science building. The cohabitated work space will foster the research collaboration and optimize synergy in order to launch innovative science and health care in western Wisconsin beyond what is currently possible.

Thank you, again, for your support of the UWEC science building, and for all you do on behalf of our state.

Sincerely,

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