



March 30, 2021

To: Badger Boys State

Re: Hosting Badger Boys State at UW-Eau Claire

We are writing to enthusiastically endorse the invitation from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire to host the annual Summer Boys State here in our community beginning in 2022.

As a campus and wider community, Eau Claire would be an ideal location for this event. Not only would UW-Eau Claire's beautiful campus provide a memorable setting for the participants, it's within walking distance of our city's vibrant and welcoming downtown and other amenities. It's a very unique atmosphere that provides a combination of natural beauty with the shops, restaurants and other facilities of a mid-sized city in a safe urban environment.

Moreover, UW-Eau Claire has a strong political science department (from we which hire two governmental affairs interns each year), which can provide added support and resources for your core activities.

As the advocate of business, the Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce champions a strong local and regional economy. Our membership includes 1,200 organizations who employ over 40,000 individuals. We advocate for policies that promote a good business environment and support efficient and effective government. One of the most valuable features of the Eau Claire community is the strong collaboration that exists among the private sector, government, and education, including UW-Eau Claire. The university has taken its role as an integral part of the community very seriously, and has been a catalyst for much of the community development that has occurred here in recent years.

Our Chamber has a very active governmental affairs program and appreciates programs like Boys State that promotes citizenship and government engagement for our youth. If you make the decision to bring it to Eau Claire, we would also be happy to talk with you about how we could engage with your participants as they learn about civics in today's society.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David W. Minor". The signature is stylized and fluid.

David W. Minor
President & CEO

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