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**TO:** **Chairwoman Sen. Cabral-Guevara and members of the Senate Committee on Health**

**FROM:** **Dr. Jeanne Hossenlopp, vice president for research and innovation, and Dr. William E. Cullinan, dean of the College of Health Sciences**

**DATE:** **Feb. 27, 2023**

**RE:** **Senate Bill 27 Relating to: spinal cord injury research grants and symposia and making an appropriation (Companion Bill Assembly Bill 19)**

On behalf of Marquette University, we are writing to thank Sen. Wanggaard and Rep. Tittl for authoring the bipartisan supported Senate Bill 27 (Companion Bill Assembly Bill 19) related to spinal cord injury research grants and symposium up to $3 million every biennium. We are writing in support of this legislation and respectfully request its passage to establish a Spinal Cord Injury Council and this appropriation for critical research in this area.

Marquette University is aware that on behalf of Unite 2 Fight Paralysis, Dr. Murray Blackmore plans to testify at the public hearing. Blackmore is one of the nation's leading spinal cord researchers and we will allow his story and body of work to speak for itself at the hearing. For those unable to attend the hearing, Blackmore's work has been featured in multiple publications including a 2014 four-part series in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. If you are interested in additional information regarding Blackmore's work, please contact Mary Czech-Mrochinski, senior director for public affairs, at (414) 288-3969.

Again, thank you for your consideration of this legislation, and Marquette University looks forward to working with the State of Wisconsin to advance spinal cord research in the future.

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