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Senate Education Committee
Colorado General Assembly
200 East Colfax Ave.
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RE: HB 18-1052 – Exception To 2-year Higher Education Service Areas

Dear Chairman Hill and Members of the Senate Education Committee,

I write to you today to encourage you to support HB 18-1052 - Exception To 2-year Higher Education Service Areas. As President of Colorado Northwestern Community College, I think it is very beneficial to expand concurrent enrollment to areas not currently being served by other colleges.

Because of concurrent enrollment we have helped students finish college earlier, go to college when that was not in their original plans, save students money, and provide workforce skills so they could be employed and earn a livable wage. Presently we offer courses in six counties and nine different high schools but have also had to turn down five schools that were not in our service area. This current year we will have 474 students take concurrent enrollment classes from us. These students will have taken 4,050 credit hours. They take classes at the high schools, our Craig campus, and our Rangely campus. We utilize over 36 different instructors to teach the different courses that include English, Math, Communications, Auto Tech, and many more.

We know we are capable of increasing our reach with the present personnel we have and feel that we could add five or more high schools to our concurrent enrollment schools. We also know that if we could expand our concurrent enrollment we would increase the number of high school students taken college courses by 25% to 30%.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. If you have any questions or if I may be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Granger".

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