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Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Secretary Duncan,

I write you to express my support of the Colorado Department of Education's SLDS grant application. Colorado's legislators, working in partnership with Governor Ritter, have consistently acted to ensure a legislative framework exists to foster data sharing among state agencies in ways that raise student achievement. Further, the Colorado Department of Education has implemented innovative practices, such as SchoolView and the Growth Model, that help make student growth and achievement visible and actionable.

Colorado's proposal builds on the valuable work already underway throughout the state. As an elected official from an area that is home to universities, community colleges and K-12 schools, I am confident that the U.S. Department of Education's investment in Colorado would make a substantively positive impact on my constituents.

I urge you to seriously consider Colorado's proposal and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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