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President [Last Name]
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Dear President [Last Name]:

As you are aware, this year's higher education flexibility legislation, SB10-003, requires institutions of higher education to submit a report to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education and to the Joint Budget Committee which details each governing board's plans if state funding for higher education were to be decreased by 50% in FY11-12.

The CCHE has heard a variety of concerns from institutions that the legislation does not provide enough details and could lead to a wide array of responses that are not necessarily useful. As the state's coordinating board for higher education, the CCHE believes it is incumbent upon us to help ensure that this report is consistent among all institutions and provides information that will be beneficial.

This report has the potential to be another medium in which legislators and the citizens of Colorado can learn about the importance of the state's higher education system and how reducing its funding will impact students, institutions, and our state's overall quality of life.

With those ends in mind the CCHE will be sending each institution a template requesting information and then compile all of the responses into one report. It is our hope that this approach will ensure a uniform and useful report which can be helpful to the state's system of higher education. We appreciate your help and welcome any suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

James T. Polsfut
CCHE Chairman