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C. Hereford Percy  
Chairman  
Colorado Commission on Higher Education  
1560 Broadway, Suite 1600  
Denver, Colorado 80202

RE: Draft Colorado Master Plan

Dear Chairman Percy and Commissioners:

The University of Northern Colorado Board of Trustees had the opportunity to discuss the statewide Master Plan draft at the Board's annual retreat on September 14. The Board's retreat was centered on the context surrounding public higher education, which informs our institutional planning. CCH's work on the Master Plan is an important part of that context, highlighting some of the issues which are part of the national discussion about the value of higher education.

The University of Northern Colorado supports the most recent draft of the statewide Master Plan. We appreciate the openness of the DHE leadership and staff, and of the Commission itself, throughout the planning process. In particular, we are pleased that the Commission has left the detailed work of the selection of metrics to the individual institution performance contract phase. We believe that this is the proper approach, and look forward to fruitful discussions with DHE staff concerning UNC's agreement.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Kay Norton  
President