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Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative Colorado Department of Higher Education 1560 Broadway Suite 1600 Denver, CO 80202

Greetings:

The Fremont County Board of Commissioners continues to support a partnership that allows qualifying students to take advantage of the funds made available through the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI). Our local committee of current and retired educators from the three local high schools and the Fremont Campus of Pueblo Community College work together to secure the necessary local funds to serve as a 1:1 match for COSI dollars.

The Fremont Community Foundation, which serves citizens and non-profits in the absence of a local United Way, serves as the fiscal agent for funds raised for COSI scholarships.

Starting in 2017 and continuing through today, the Board of Commissioners has committed funding from county general funds as a starting point to raise additional money. The 2022 \$3,000 commitment is made despite our own budgetary challenges to meet the needs of our citizens. We see this as a way to advance opportunities for young people in our community who may otherwise not be afforded a chance at a postsecondary education.

This letter affirms the support of the Fremont County Commissioners to participate in the COSI scholarship program and hope that through our own financial support we can challenge individuals and other non-profit groups to participate.

Sincerely,

Kevin Grantham

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