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March 16, 2024

Dr. Mordecai Brownlee
Community College of Aurora
16000 E CentreTech Parkway
Aurora, CO 80011

Dear President Brownlee,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the Community College of Aurora's (CCA) Congressionally Directed Spending request for \$2.5 million in funding to support the programmatic, capital, and equipment needs of the college's historic new third campus dedicated to our Nursing, Health Sciences, and Public Service programs. As the Senator representing Colorado Senate District 28, I understand the critical importance of investing in education and workforce development, particularly in high-demand, high-wage fields that promote economic mobility and serve our communities directly.

CCA has long been a beacon of opportunity for students across our state, providing accessible, high-quality education that prepares individuals for successful careers in various fields. The proposed renovation project aligns perfectly with the college's mission to meet the evolving needs of our workforce and ensure that our residents have the skills and training necessary to thrive in today's economy.

Expanding the college's facilities to accommodate the growing demand for Nursing, Health Sciences, and Public Service programs is a strategic investment in our community's well-being and future economic and workforce development. These programs play a vital role in addressing critical shortages of healthcare professionals and public servants, especially in underserved areas.

By supporting this project, we provide students with state-of-the-art learning environments and strengthen our healthcare system and public safety infrastructure. Furthermore, this investment will create jobs, stimulate economic growth, and enhance the overall quality of life for residents in our region.

I commend CCA for its vision and commitment to excellence in education. Thank you for considering this critical request. Please do not hesitate to contact my office for further information or assistance.

Sincerely,

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Rhonda Fields
Colorado State Senate
District 28



April 30, 2024

Congressman Jason Crow
2170 S. Parker Road, Suite 280
Aurora, CO 80231

Dear Congressman Crow,

I am writing to express my support for the Community College of Aurora's (CCA) Community Project Funding request for \$2.5 million in funding for equipment, fixtures, and renovations to establish a third campus dedicated to CCA's Nursing, Health Sciences, and Public Service programs. For the city of Aurora, investing in education and workforce development in high-demand fields like nursing, respiratory health, mental health, and paramedics is critical for our community's sustainability and economic growth.

As CCA celebrates its 40th graduating class later this week, CCA has a proven track record for providing accessible and high-quality education that prepares adult, college-age, and high school students for successful careers in industries critical to our community. The proposed equipment, fixture, and building renovation project aligns perfectly with the college's mission to meet the needs of local employers and ensure that residents of Colorado's Sixth Congressional District have the knowledge, skills, and hands-on experience to advance in their careers.

Expanding the college's facilities to accommodate the growing demand for Nursing, Health Sciences, and Public Service programs is a strategic investment in our community's well-being and future economic and workforce development. These programs play a vital role in addressing critical shortages of healthcare professionals and public servants, especially in underserved areas within the Sixth Congressional District.

I fully support the proposed project and its significant and critical investments in Aurora's healthcare system and public safety infrastructure. This project will create jobs, stimulate economic growth, and enhance residents' overall quality of life in the Sixth Congressional District.

I appreciate your consideration of this critical Community Project Funding request.

Sincerely,

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President and CEO
Aurora Economic Development Council
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