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U.S. Representative Jason Crow
2170 S. Parker Road, Suite 280
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Dear U.S. Representative Crow,

This letter serves to document community support for Adams-Arapahoe School District 28J, doing business as Aurora Public Schools (APS), in its application for Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) funding for Fiscal Year 2027. The requested funding will support the reconstruction and modernization of Pickens Technical College, a 50-year cornerstone of the Aurora community serving more than 2,000 high school and adult learners annually across 25+ career and technical education programs.

Built in 1972 and never fully modernized, the facility must be upgraded to support training in today's high-demand, technology-driven industries.

Pickens Technical College meets a critical community need in Aurora by providing high-quality career and technical education for both high school and adult learners. With over 25 specialized certificate programs in fields like healthcare, technology, and trades, the college prepares students with hands-on, industry-aligned training, certifications, and transferable college credit. By equipping graduates for high-demand careers, Pickens strengthens the local workforce, supports economic mobility for families, and helps Aurora meet regional labor market needs.

The City of Aurora proudly supports Aurora Public Schools in this funding request. The CDS request will provide \$950,000 toward the total project cost of \$33 million, ensuring that the campus can fully modernize its workforce training programs, expand career pathways, and strengthen economic opportunity for Aurora's students and employers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Coffman".

Michael Coffman, Mayor
Aurora, Colorado