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The Honorable Randy Baumgardner, Chair,
Capital Development Committee
Colorado General Assembly
Rm 029, Colorado State Capitol Bldg
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Dear Senator Baumgardner:

This letter accompanies a binder containing documents for the Colorado Commission on Higher Education's (CCHHE) top 20 prioritized capital projects for the FY 2016-17 capital budget request. State law, C.R.S. 23-1-106(7)(a), delegates to CCHHE the responsibility of recommending a prioritized capital construction list for the system of public higher education. The Office of State Planning and Budget limits the number of prioritized submissions to 20 prioritized projects. Although the entire prioritized list of all projects is included, the supporting documents in this submission only reflect the top 20 institutional submissions. All institutional supporting documents on all projects were included as part of the non-prioritized submission that was forwarded to the CDC in September. This binder contains the required financial and narrative forms for the top 20 submissions, and under the summary tab, the list of Current Year Capital Improvements Program and the list of Five-Year State Funded Capital Improvements Program, which reflect all capital submissions for FY 2016-17.

Capital Requests Review and Prioritization Process

On July 24th, state institutions of higher education submitted to the Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE) a total of 31 new or continuing state funded capital construction requests. The CCHHE's Fiscal Affairs and Audit Standing Committee (FAA) and CDHE staff reviewed a final total of 31 requests for the FY 2016-17 budget cycle, including:

- five (5) continuation projects; and
- twenty six (26) previously unfunded projects;

To prioritize the projects, CDHE staff worked with the FAA applying a uniform criteria to evaluate the projects. CCHHE placed continuation projects before the prioritized unfunded projects in order to aid institutions in planning for future capital projects. The FAA held three public meetings to review the projects. An initial list was shared and discussed on September 9, 2015. On September 25th, the FAA met again to take action on a prioritized list. During the period between September 9th and the 25th, institutions were invited to propose scoring changes and to provide supporting documentation for their requests. The FAA voted to take action on the list on September 25th, but shortly after the meeting, Colorado Mesa University approached staff regarding a late-breaking financing opportunity for one of their projects that



would impact scores. Department staff, in consultation with senior leadership at the Department and the FAA Chair, reopened the process for three days, allowing all institutions to submit proposed scoring changes. On October 14th, the Fiscal Affairs and Audit Standing Committee met again, and voted unanimously to approve a revised prioritized list reflecting changes in scoring made as a result of new information brought forward during the second period, and forward the list to the full Commission. CCHE unanimously approved the prioritized list on October 29th, 2015.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Attachment A: Fiscal Affairs and Audit Standing Committee Recommended FY 2016-17 State Funded Capital Priorities

Priority	Inst	Project Name		Prior Appropriations	Current Request	Out Year Requests (Summed Across All Years if Multiple Years)	Total	Cumulative Current State Funds	Number of Projects
Continuation 1	CSU-FC	Chemistry Phase III	CCF	\$38,694,678	\$12,471,940	\$0	\$51,166,618	\$12,471,940	1
			CF	\$5,400,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,400,000		
			TF	\$44,094,678	\$12,471,940	\$0	\$56,566,618		
Continuation 2	MSU-Denver	Aerospace Engineering Sciences Building	CCF	\$20,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$20,000,000	\$12,471,940	2
			CF	\$16,404,160	\$23,595,840	\$0	\$40,000,000		
			TF	\$36,404,160	\$23,595,840	\$0	\$60,000,000		
Continuation 3	CMU	Health Sciences	CCF	\$3,000,000	\$9,230,212	\$0	\$12,230,212	\$21,702,152	3
			CF	\$0	\$2,505,000	\$0	\$2,505,000		
			TF	\$3,000,000	\$11,735,212	\$0	\$14,735,212		
Continuation 4	UNC	Campus Commons	CCF	\$23,000,000	\$15,000,000		\$38,000,000	\$36,702,152	4
			CF & FF	\$21,030,740	\$14,502,929		\$35,533,669		
			TF	\$44,030,740	\$29,502,929	\$0	\$73,533,669		
Continuation 5	PCC	Davis Academic Building	CCF	\$3,569,619	\$5,807,143	\$0	\$9,376,762	\$42,509,295	5
			CF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
			TF	\$3,569,619	\$5,807,143	\$0	\$9,376,762		
1	FRCC	Larimer Campus Health Care and Career Center	CCF	\$0	\$19,657,338		\$19,657,338	\$62,166,633	6
			CF	\$0	\$6,906,633		\$6,906,633		
			TF	\$0	\$26,563,971	\$0	\$26,563,971		
1	UC-Anschutz	Interdisciplinary Building	CCF	\$0	\$22,800,000	\$22,797,598	\$45,597,598	\$84,966,633	7
			CF	\$0	\$30,823,115	\$43,579,287	\$74,402,402		
			TF	\$0	\$53,623,115	\$66,376,885	\$120,000,000		
3	UC-Boulder	Aerospace Engineering Science Building	CCF	\$0	\$4,834,369	\$23,456,347	\$28,290,716	\$89,801,002	8
			CF	\$0	\$668,931	\$51,440,353	\$52,109,284		
			TF	\$0	\$5,503,300	\$74,896,700	\$80,400,000		
4	CSM	Green Center Renovation	CCF	\$0	\$6,021,857	\$17,829,014	\$23,850,871	\$95,822,859	9
			CF	\$0	\$0	\$35,776,306	\$35,776,306		
			TF	\$0	\$6,021,857	\$53,605,320	\$59,627,177		
5	CMU	Computer Science and Engineering Building	CCF	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$18,483,207	\$23,483,207	\$100,822,859	10
			CF	\$0	\$2,462,688	\$6,859,828	\$9,322,516		
			TF	\$0	\$7,462,688	\$25,343,035	\$32,805,723		

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6	CSU-FC	Warner College of Natural Resources	CCF	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$110,822,859	11
			CF	\$0	\$10,817,437	\$0	\$10,817,437		
			TF	\$0	\$20,817,437	\$0	\$20,817,437		
7	PPCC	Student Learning	CCF	\$0	\$4,847,735	\$0	\$4,847,735	\$115,670,594	12
			CF	\$0	\$1,703,260	\$0	\$1,703,260		
			TF	\$0	\$6,550,995	\$0	\$6,550,995		
8	CCD	Technology Infrastructure	CCF	\$0	\$993,179	\$0	\$993,179	\$116,663,773	13
			CF	\$0	\$348,955	\$0	\$348,955		
			TF	\$0	\$1,342,134	\$0	\$1,342,134		
8	WSCU	Savage Library	CCF	\$0	\$10,724,584	\$0	\$10,724,584	\$127,388,357	14
			CF	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000		
			TF	\$0	\$10,924,584	\$0	\$10,924,584		
10	OJC	Agricultural Sciences Building	CCF	\$0	\$1,393,800	\$0	\$1,393,800	\$128,782,157	15
			CF or FF	\$0	\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000		
			TF	\$0	\$1,793,800	\$0	\$1,793,800		
10	ACC	Learning Commons	CCF	\$0	\$1,748,166	\$2,239,173	\$3,987,339	\$130,530,323	16
			CF	\$0	\$614,221	\$786,736	\$1,400,957		
			TF	\$0	\$2,362,387	\$3,025,909	\$5,388,296		
12	AHEC	King Center Renewal	CCF	\$0	\$41,370,000	\$0	\$41,370,000	\$171,900,323	17
			CF	\$0	\$420,000	\$0	\$420,000		
			TF	\$0	\$41,790,000	\$0	\$41,790,000		
13	ASU	Plachy Hall Renewal	CCF	\$0	\$4,314,450	\$0	\$4,314,450	\$176,214,773	18
			CF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
			TF	\$0	\$4,314,450	\$0	\$4,314,450		
14	CSU-FC	Shepardson Renovation	CCF	\$0	\$4,527,223	\$20,068,278	\$24,595,501	\$180,741,996	19
			CF	\$0	\$0	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000		
			TF	\$0	\$4,527,223	\$0	\$33,595,501		
15	ASU	Nielsen Library Renovation	CCF	\$0	\$13,865,176	\$0	\$13,865,176	\$194,607,172	20
			CF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
			TF	\$0	\$13,865,176	\$0	\$13,865,176		
Twenty Project Cutoff for OSPB			CCF		\$194,607,172				
			CF		\$95,969,009				
			TF		\$290,576,181				

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16	CMU	Performing Arts Renovation	CCF	\$0	\$8,007,041	\$0	\$8,007,041	\$202,614,213	21
			CF	\$0	\$787,456	\$0	\$787,456		
			TF	\$0	\$8,794,497	\$0	\$8,794,497		
17	CMU	Trigeneration	CCF	\$0	\$6,256,888		\$6,256,888	\$208,871,101	22
			CF	\$0	\$618,814		\$618,814		
			TF	\$0	\$6,875,702	\$0	\$6,875,702		
18	CSU-P	Psychology Building	CCF	\$0	\$16,519,873	\$0	\$16,519,873	\$225,390,974	23
			CF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
			TF	\$0	\$16,519,873	\$0	\$16,519,873		
19	CSU-P	Information Technology Upgrades and Security	CCF	\$0	\$3,944,430	\$0	\$3,944,430	\$229,335,404	24
			CF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
			TF	\$0	\$3,944,430	\$0	\$3,944,430		
20	UNC	Wireless and Network Infrastructure Upgrade	CCF	\$0	\$3,123,300	\$0	\$3,123,300	\$232,458,704	25
			CF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
			TF	\$0	\$3,123,300	\$0	\$3,123,300		
21	UCD	Engineering and Physical Sciences Building	CCF	\$0	\$45,114,407		\$45,114,407	\$277,573,111	26
			CF	\$0	\$15,000,000		\$15,000,000		
			TF	\$0	\$60,114,407	\$0	\$60,114,407		
22	UCCS	Engineering and Physical Sciences Building	CCF	\$0	\$7,551,960	\$22,827,394	\$30,379,354	\$285,125,071	27
			CF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
			TF	\$0	\$7,551,960	\$22,827,394	\$30,379,354		
23	LCC	Technology Infrastructure	CCF	\$0	\$644,400	\$0	\$644,400	\$285,769,471	28
			CF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
			TF	\$0	\$644,400	\$0	\$644,400		
23	OJC	Technology Infrastructure II	CCF	\$0	\$637,500	\$0	\$637,500	\$286,406,971	29
			CF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
			TF	\$0	\$637,500	\$0	\$637,500		
25	PCC	Critical Core Technology Infrastructure	CCF	\$0	\$1,490,050	\$0	\$1,490,050	\$287,897,021	30
			CF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
			TF	\$0	\$1,490,050	\$0	\$1,490,050		
26	LCC	Vocational Trades Building	CCF	\$0	\$1,996,733	\$0	\$1,996,733	\$289,893,754	31
			CF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
			TF	\$0	\$1,996,733	\$0	\$1,996,733		
Total			CCF	\$88,264,297	\$289,893,754	\$127,701,011	\$505,859,062		
			CF & FF	\$42,834,900	\$112,375,279	\$147,442,510	\$302,652,689		
			TF	\$131,099,197	\$402,269,033	\$246,075,243	\$808,511,751		