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January 25, 2022

Representative Julie McCluskie, *Chair*
Joint Budget Committee
200 East 14th Avenue, Third Floor
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Representative McCluskie,

On January 20, 2021, the Capital Development Committee (CDC) discussed a budget amendment from the Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) concerning payments to be made on certificates of participation issued pursuant to Senate Bill 20-219. These certificates were authorized to enable three state institutions of higher education to complete the final phases of existing capital construction projects.

The CDC has always intended for these payments to be made from state funds, and it expressed so in a letter to OSPB dated November 20, 2020. The Governor's capital budget proposal nevertheless recommends that some of the payment come from cash funds controlled by Colorado State University and the University of Colorado, in proportion to the amount of funding those institutions received from the issuance.

The CDC is reaffirming its intention in sponsoring Senate Bill 20-219: that payments made on these certificates of participation should come from the General Fund. The state is obligated to make the payments on the bonds and must not shirk its responsibility. The committee expects its capital budget recommendation due to the Joint Budget Committee in mid-February to reflect General Fund payments on the certificates of participation.

Please reach out to discuss this matter or to share any concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tammy Story".

Senator Tammy Story
Chair, Capital Development Committee

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