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The Honorable Ray Scott, Chair
Senate Committee on State, Veterans and Military Affairs
The Honorable Sue Ryden, Chair
House Committee on State, Veterans and Military Affairs
General Assembly of the State of Colorado
200 East Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

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Dear Members of the Colorado Senate and House State, Veterans and Military Affairs Committees:

As required by Section 24-76.5-103(9), C.R.S., this letter serves as our annual report to the Committee with respect to compliance with article 76.5 restrictions on public benefits. The Department of Education has two offices that provide public benefits requiring verification of lawful presence. The Office of Professional Services and Educator Licensing verifies lawful presence when applicants apply for their initial educator license. The Office of Accounting and Purchasing verifies lawful presence prior to executing a commitment voucher or providing funds to an individual.

I am happy to report that both offices were complying with the requirements of the article throughout the previous year.

Please feel free to contact my office at 303.866.6646 if you have questions regarding this letter.

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Interim Commissioner of Education

