## Representative Kraft-Tharp February 1, 2017



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**Venture Capital Authority** 

February 1, 2017

Representative Tracy Kraft-Tharp Chair, Legislative Audit Committee c/o the Office of the State Auditor 200 East 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue Denver, Colorado 80203-2211

Dear Representative Kraft-Tharp:

This letter contains the Venture Capital Authority's report on the effects of the results of the implementation of Article 3.5 of Title 10, C.R.S., "the Venture Capital Program Act", and is hereby submitted in accordance with 24-46-206 C.R.S.

Investment activity as of December 31, 2016, is reported below:

<u>Colorado Fund I</u> (created June 2005) is the initial fund in which the Venture Capital Authority is a limited partner. The following Colorado Fund I investments have been made to date:

Company	Date	<b>Investment Location</b>
Taligen Therapeutics, Inc.	August 2005	distressed urban
Taligen	June 2006	distressed urban
Taligen	May 2007	distressed urban
Taligen	January 2008	distressed urban
Taligen	February 2008	distressed urban
Taligen	September 2008	distressed urban
Taligen	May 2009	distressed urban
Taligen	June 2010	distressed urban
Taligen	August 2010	distressed urban
Thoratogo Inc	March 2006	rural investment
Theratogs, Inc. Theratogs, Inc.	September 2006	rural investment
Theratogs, Inc.	February 2007	rural investment
Theratogs, Inc.	November 2010	rural investment
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Surginetics, LLC	March 2006	statewide
Surginetics, LLC	October 2006	statewide

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Surginetics, LLC	March 2007	statewide
Smart Care Clinics, Inc.	March 2006	statewide
EnVysion, Inc.	December 2006 March 2008 May 2008 March 2009 October 2009 October 2010 January 2011 July 2012	statewide statewide statewide statewide statewide statewide statewide statewide
LogRhythm, Inc. LogRhythm, Inc. LogRhythm, Inc. LogRhythm, Inc.	January 2007 October 2007 March 2009 November 2010	statewide statewide statewide statewide
Lijit Networks, Inc.	January 2007 June 2007 July 2008 April 2010 June 2010 February 2011 April 2011	statewide statewide statewide statewide statewide statewide statewide
Oberon Oberon Oberon Oberon Oberon Oberon Oberon Oberon (now Nutrinsic)	August 2007 November 2008 March 2010 June 2011 February 2012 December 2013	rural rural rural rural rural rural
Atrato Atrato Atrato Atrato Atrato Atrato	December 2007 January 2008 December 2007 December 2007 December 2007 December 2007	statewide statewide statewide statewide statewide statewide
Sierra Neuropharmaceuticals Sierra Neuropharmaceuticals	July 2008 January 2009	distressed urban distressed urban
Aftama Aftama Aftama	July 2009 September 2010 January 2012	rural rural rural

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Aftama	February 2013	rural
Aftama (now Digabit)	May 2013	rural
DCS DCS DCS DCS DCS DCS DCS DCS (now Sinopsys) DCS (now Sinopsys)	March 2011 June 2011 February 2012 October 2013 August 2014 October 2014 September 2016	distressed urban distressed urban distressed urban distressed urban distressed urban distressed urban distressed urban

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<u>Colorado Fund II</u> (created January 2010) is the second fund in which the Venture Capital Authority is a limited partner. The following Colorado Fund II investments have been made to date:

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Company	Date	<b>Investment Location</b>
Kapost (was Grogger)	May 2010	statewide
Kapost	September 2010	statewide
Kapost	November 2011	statewide
Kapost (now Daily Inches)	December 2012	statewide
Kapost (now Daily Inches)	June 2013	statewide
Kapost (now Daily Inches)	January 2015	statewide
Lijit	June 2010	statewide
Lijit	April 2011	statewide
Endoshape	April 2011	distressed urban
Endoshape	September 2012	statewide
Endoshape	May 2013	statewide
Endoshape	December 2013	statewide
Endoshape	June 2014	rural
Endoshape	July 2015	rural
Endoshape	September 2015	rural
Surefire Medical	April 2011	statewide
Surefire Medical	May 2012	statewide
Surefire Medical	February 2013	statewide
Surefire Medical	August 2013	statewide
Surefire Medical	April 2015	statewide
Clarimedix	May 2011	distressed urban
Rainmaker (now Full Contact)	May 2011	statewide
Rainmaker (now Full Contact)	July 2011	statewide
Rainmaker (now Full Contact)	July 2012	statewide
Rainmaker (now Full Contact)	September 2014	statewide

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Oberon Oberon Oberon Oberon (now Nutrinsic) Oberon (now Nutrinsic) Oberon (now Nutrinsic)	June 2011 February 2012 December 2013 March 2015 July 2015 March 2016	rural rural rural rural rural rural
Mosaic Mosaic	June 2011 January 2014	distressed urban statewide
AktiVax AktiVax AktiVax AktiVax	June 2011 December 2011 March 2012 January 2013	rural rural rural rural
Mosoro	January 2012	statewide
Birdbox Birdbox	June 2012 July 2013	statewide statewide
Collective IP Collective IP Collective IP Collective IP Collective IP (dba Covalent)	June 2012 August 2013 May 2015 September 2015 February 2016	statewide distressed urban distressed urban distressed urban distressed urban
Envysion	October 2012	statewide
Virocyt Virocyt	November 2012 December 2014	distressed urban statewide
Qualvu Qualvu	April 2013 June 2013	statewide statewide
Digabit (was Aftama) Digabit (was Aftama) Digabit (was Aftama)	May 2013 December 2014 May 2015	rural rural rural
FitBionic FitBionic	June 2013 March 2014	rural rural
Sinopsis	August 2014	distressed urban
VetDC VetDC VetDC	November 2014 March 2015 July 2016	distressed urban distressed urban distressed urban

- Colorado Fund I investments As of this date, Colorado Fund I has invested a total of \$24,345,974. This total was invested as follows: (a) \$5,477,457 in businesses located in distressed urban communities, which represents over 100% of the Fund's 10-year investment requirement (due June 20, 2015); (b) \$5,443,250 in businesses located in designated rural counties, which represents over 100% of the Fund's 10-year investment requirement (due June 20, 2015); and (c) \$13,425,268 in statewide businesses (located in Colorado, but not in distressed urban communities or designated rural counties) which represents over 100% of the Fund's 10-year investment requirement (due June 20, 2015). The capital contributed to make the investments include certified capital contributed by the VCA of \$21,767,681 and \$2,578,293 contributed by the other partners of Colorado Fund I per the terms of Colorado Fund I's limited partnership agreement.
- Colorado Fund II investments As of this date, Colorado Fund II has invested a total of \$25,561,210. This total was invested as follows: (a) \$6,400,061 in businesses located in distressed urban communities, which represents over 100% of the Fund's 10-year investment requirement (due January 4, 2020); (b) \$5,286,604 in businesses located in designated rural counties, which represents over 83% of the Fund's 10-year investment requirement (due January 4, 2020); and (c) \$13,874,544 in statewide businesses (located in Colorado, but not in distressed urban communities or designated rural counties), which represents over 100% of the Fund's 10-year investment requirement (due January 4, 2020). The capital contributed to make the investments include certified capital contributed by the VCA of approximately \$23,910,099 and \$1,651,111 contributed by the other partners of Colorado Fund II per the terms of Colorado Fund II's limited partnership agreement.
- The VCA committed to contribute \$21,766,408 in certified capital to Colorado Fund I and \$25,374,260 in certified capital to Colorado Fund II over each of the 10-year terms of each fund from payments the Venture Capital Authority receives from the insurance companies that purchased the premium tax credits. Since the program's inception, \$21,766,408 of certified capital has been paid by the insurance companies to the VCA for Colorado Fund I and \$20,374,260 for Colorado Fund II. The VCA has contributed \$5,000,000 from recycled distributions to Fund II to satisfy the contribution commitment.
- In addition, the insurance companies have fulfilled their contract to purchase annual premium tax credits on an annual basis for the contract period.
- The number of jobs created in Colorado from qualified investments made by CFI, as reported by CFI, is 884 and 726 for CFII.
- CFI has received distributions of proceeds from 4 investments totaling \$19,027,048 and CFII has received distributions of proceeds from 3 investments totaling \$2,002,182.

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 Colorado Fund I has paid qualified distributions for expenses related to managing and operating Fund I from certified capital (contributed by the VCA) of \$3,761,623 since the program's inception (June 2005), of which \$24,453 was paid in 2016. Colorado Fund II has paid qualified distributions for expenses related to managing and operating Fund II from certified capital (contributed by the VCA) of \$3,343,140 since the program's inception (January 2010), of which \$346,110 was paid in 2016.

The VCA's mission and goals follows, along with results to date:

- To provide assistance in the formation of new businesses and the expansion of existing businesses which create jobs in the state. Colorado Fund I has made total investments in businesses since the program's inception of \$24,345,974 and such businesses have reported the creation of 884 jobs in the state to date. Colorado Fund II has made total investments in businesses since the program's inception of \$25,561,210 and such businesses have reported the creation of 726 jobs in the state to date.
- To utilize the enterprise fund as a revolving evergreen fund to provide continued seed and early stage investment capital to qualified businesses. The VCA has entered into Limited Partnership Agreements that provide for return of principal and a negotiated percent of profits to the degree that Colorado Fund I and II's investments are successful which creates the mechanism for a revolving evergreen fund. Since Colorado Fund I and II are seed and early stage funds and it is estimated they will not begin to generate significant funds from investments until years 10-12 (based on industry expectations for seed and early stage funds in general), it is too early to evaluate performance in this area; however the distributions to date provide an early indication for the potential for success under this program.
- To establish selection criteria and a competitive process for the selection of fund manager(s). <u>The VCA established selection criteria and selected a fund manager</u> in 2005 after utilizing a competitive request for proposal process.
- To establish an insurance premium tax credit selling process that will provide funds for the program at an offering of no less than eighty cents on the dollar. <u>The VCA</u> <u>successfully completed the sale of all tax credits at an average price of eighty-six</u> <u>cents on the dollar—with no individual transaction completed for less than eighty</u> <u>cents on the dollar.</u>
- To invest in businesses from different geographical areas of the State with specific milestones established for such investment. Colorado Fund I has made statewide investments of \$13,425,268, distressed urban community investments of \$5,477,457 and designated rural county investments of \$5,443,250 since the program's inception. Colorado Fund II has made statewide investments of

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\$13,874,544, distressed urban community investments of \$6,400,061 and designated rural county investments of \$5,286,604 since the program's inception.

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter. Please call me at (970) 492-4519 or John Reece, Manager, Venture Capital Authority at (303) 892-3895 if you have any questions pertaining to this report.

Sincerely,

Mark Wdowik

Chair, Venture Capital Authority