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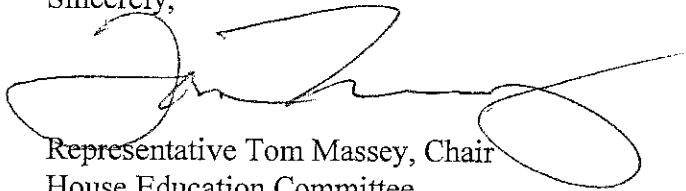
January 31, 2012

Representative Cheri Gerou  
Chair, Joint Budget Committee  
200 East 14th Avenue, Third Floor  
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Representative Gerou:

The SMART Act allows a committee of reference to make formal recommendations to the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) regarding state departments' budgets, based on the committee's hearings with their assigned departments. The House Education Committee met on January 30, 2012, to discuss recommendations to the JBC per the SMART Act. At its meeting, the committee made no recommendations regarding the Colorado Department of Education, the Department of Higher Education, or History Colorado.

Sincerely,



Representative Tom Massey, Chair  
House Education Committee

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Robert Hammond, Commissioner of Education, Department of Education  
Anne Barkis, Legislative Liaison, Department of Education  
Lieutenant Governor Joe Garcia, Executive Director, Department of Higher Education  
Chad Marturano, Director of Legislative Affairs, Department of Higher Education  
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