

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Rod Paige  
Secretary  
US Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Please accept this letter as a statement of our support for the application submitted by the **Colorado Alliance for Reform in Education (CARE)** in relation to the US Department of Education 2003 Parent Information and Resource Center grant (CFDA Number: 84.310A).

Colorado has emerged as one of the most ambitious states in the successful and timely implementation of the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. As such, the state is poised to provide broader opportunities for children attending schools identified for improvement, corrective action and restructuring under Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

The community based organizations participating in the CARE proposal offer a unique capacity to effectively link school-based programs with parents to dramatically improve involvement, enhance programs, and assist activities to foster children's academic achievement.

The alliance of service providers cooperating in the CARE proposal are well suited to achieve the Department's goals of strengthening partnerships between educators, administrators, local leaders, parents and students in meeting the needs of children identified by the grant.

It is upon the basis of these qualifications and the depth of community participation in the CARE's grant application that we urge the Department to give most serious consideration to the CARE application. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Representative Joel Hefley



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