Joint Subcommittee on Education
Montana State Capitol
Helena, MT

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Dear Committee Members,

I am a current fabrication instructor and alumni of Flathead Valley Community College (FVCC) and previously graduated from Miles City Community College (MCC) where I also played basketball. I now have an Associates of Applied Science degree in Welding and Fabrication Technology, an Associates of Science degree, and an Associates of Arts degree. I initially was pursuing a degree in the nursing field, however reconsidered this path after graduating with honors from Miles City Community College. After a short break from school, I decided to try a new path in the welding and fabrication world. Flathead Valley Community College allowed me the best opportunity to return to school and find a passion for a new career field.

One single welding class changed my entire life. The welding and fabrication program at Flathead Valley Community College is strenuous but gives you all the necessary skills to work in the field even before graduating. Most recently I had the chance to apply and start working for Flathead Valley Community College in the very program that I graduated from. It is a privilege to be able to help shape and grow the program to allow our students to be as successful as possible in the welding and fabrication world.

Flathead Valley Community College allowed me the ability to work in a field I am passionate about and be able to have the proper skill set to excel in the field. I aim to be able to create the same opportunity for my students as they attend our school.

Thank you for your consideration of funding community colleges per their requests.

Thank you,

Kylee Meredith