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The Honorable Governor Pete Ricketts State Capitol, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor N.E. Lincoln NE 68509

Mr. Patrick O'Donnell Clerk of the Legislature State Capitol, Room 2018 Lincoln NE 68509

RE: Lawful Presence in the U.S. Annual Report

Dear Governor Ricketts and Mr. O'Donnell:

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 4-113, from January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, the Nebraska Department of Education processed 17,571 applicants for benefits and two (2) applicants were rejected for failure to demonstrate lawful presence in the United States.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Brian Halstead at (402) 471-0732.

Sincerely,

Matthew L. Blomstedt, Ph.D. Commissioner of Education

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