



# NEBRASKA

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The Honorable Governor Pete Ricketts  
State Capitol, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor N.E.  
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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, 2017, through December 31, 2017, the Nebraska Department of Education processed 17,342 applicants for benefits and no 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew L. Blomstedt".

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