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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan's decision to include "College Proficiency Reporting" as one of the measures that states must use to demonstrate their progress in "improving both teaching and learning through higher standards and rigorous assessments."

For our nation to remain competitive in the global arena in the future, the U.S. workforce will need to be well educated, and that increasingly will mean at least some postsecondary education. College Proficiency Reporting is a step in the right direction.

I commend Secretary Duncan for asking states to report "*the number and percentage of students by school who graduate high school and go on to complete at least one year's worth of college credit, as applicable to a degree, within two years.*"

This reporting requirement measures what really matters: how well high schools are preparing students to enroll in and graduate from college.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "SM Tilghman".

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