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To the Board of Directors and Staff,

Knowledge and education are both foundations of prosperity, not only for the individual but also for the public good. Education ignites curiosity, it spurs development, and it creates efficiencies for current and future generations. When Mr. Edward A. Whitney created this foundation, he envisioned what the benefits of expanded knowledge could do for future generations in Northern Wyoming. This benefit has provided to many who call Sheridan and Johnson counties home and I am extremely humbled to be a part of that legacy.

When I decided to leave my previous career and pursue my Masters, financial investments were the number one priority to me. Would the long term cost of being out of the job market while getting a graduate degree outweigh the long term benefits of said degree? I did not want to merely become another statistic of those in my age group who were struggling with student loan debt. I wanted the peace of mind that going to school again would help propel me to my goals. Not only for myself, but for my family and my community. Thanks to Whitney Benefits, I was able to receive that peace of mind. The interest free loan program has allowed me to receive a Master of Public Administration from Texas A&M University and help me settle into a great career with the University of Colorado's Anschutz Medical Campus. The benefit has provided me an opportunity to save money for the long term that I intend to use towards helping others in their educational pursuits, just as the benefit helped me.

I want to send my sincerest regards to all who work to make this program an outstanding resource. Your work is helping bring Mr. Whitney's vision to Wyoming and beyond. Thank you again for all that you do. I am again extremely humbled to have been a beneficiary of this loan program.

Best Regards,



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