

SAMPLE 1: SLCC/SLTATC Merger

Dear (Senator or Representative),

The Utah Board of Regents, following a comprehensive study of the organization and delivery of Career & Technical Education (CTE) in the Salt Lake – Tooele region, has recommended that the Utah State Legislature merge the programs of the Salt Lake Tooele Applied Technology Center (SLTATC) with Salt Lake Community College's (SLCC) Career and Technical Education programs. The recommendation came as the result of extensive examination by a study group comprised of all relevant stakeholders in CTE education in the area.

Salt Lake Community College fully supports the recommendation, and agrees with its underlying rationale: that this merger provides the most effective, efficient and best CTE training to all Salt Lake and Tooele residents, with as little unnecessary duplication as possible.

Since 1948, Salt Lake Community College has provided career and technical training in Utah. Currently, 27,454 students are enrolled in credit and non-credit career programs and training opportunities at SLCC.

The current costs alone for CTE delivery at SLCC and SLTATC to both taxpayers and students alike are telling. The total cost for providing CTE programs at SLCC in 2005-2006 was \$6,726 per FTE compared to \$11,344 at SLTATC. The full cost per membership hour at SLCC was \$7.47, versus \$12.60 at SLTATC. Merging these programs means better access to, and less confusion about, training for Utah students, improved coordination between programs, more efficient use of faculty and facilities, and lower costs to students & taxpayers.

I support House Bill 284, sponsored by Representative Kory Holdaway, which accomplishes this important merger.

Sincerely,

(Your Name)