

SAMPLE 3: Institutional Priorities

Dear (Senator or Representative)

Salt Lake Community College is committed to providing multiple pathways to quality education and training to every Utah resident. SLCC has compiled a list of institutional priorities that amount to \$2 million that directly affect the college's ability to promote student success and bolster workforce development.

Funding for these priorities will help more of Utah's people gain and refine the skills they need to be successful in today's global labor markets. A commitment to SLCC would strengthen the Legislature's already robust commitment to Utah's business and industry. The Utah State Legislature's funding of these programs will also better enable SLCC to enhance the accountability of student success, as the ratio of full-time faculty to adjunct instructors is adjusted.

Students would benefit from better advising, as SLCC's incredibly high 1,200:1 student-to-advisor ratio would be decreased. Access to entry-level science courses would be improved, and SLCC would become an even stronger pipeline for students to reach science programs at four-year schools. SLCC could meet the demands for prerequisite and transfer instruction in support of the health sciences, biotechnology, math, and engineering programs.

Workforce development will be enhanced as SLCC will increase enrollments in nursing by 60 FTE, in dental hygiene by 15 FTE, in radiologic technology by 40 FTE, and in physical therapy by 16 FTE annually. SLCC will also be able to offer health care programs year-round, offer parts of some programs on-line, and add evening and summer cohort groups to better provide access to these important programs.

I support Senate Bill 103, sponsored by Senator Stowell, which would fund needed classroom instruction at SLCC.

Sincerely,

(Your Name)