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Dr. Butterfield,

I fully support efforts to provide additional equipment for the new Agriculture facility at Chadron State College. I currently work for the University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Service as a 4-H/Youth Development Educator. I believe that the education I received from Chadron State College Range Management program could not have prepared me better for many aspects of my current position.

As an Extension Educator it is critical that I am able to identify with a wide variety of people in with many different backgrounds. At CSC I had many opportunities to improve this skill, not only on campus but also through various opportunities throughout the U.S. supported by CSC faculty. The classes I participated in through the Range Management program were hands-on, and always presented in a manner that was understandable. Since graduating from CSC, I have had the opportunity to work with individuals that went through similar programs in other schools. Through these contacts I have come to truly appreciate that the instructors at CSC taught students how to relate information to people in a manner that they understand it. In my work, this skill has probably been one of the most important in creating positive relationships with 4-H families and volunteers.

In addition to this, other important skills I learned and practiced at CSC that have been essential to my career are:

- Public Speaking
- Applying research to everyday situations
- Building networks of people
- Appreciation of multiple correct solutions to the same issue
- Range Management and Livestock Production knowledge

All of these items have proven to be assets in my career, and I feel that I would not be where I am today were it not for the years I spent in the Chadron State College Range Management program.

Sincerely,

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