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Memorandum

To: Education Committee of the Nebraska Legislature

From: Carna Pfeil, Ph.D.
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Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

Date: Feb. 10, 2014

Subject: LB 1055

I request that the following be read into the record:

I submit this memorandum as testimony in favor of LB 1055.

Hundreds of postsecondary institutions across the country participate in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Yellow Ribbon program, which helps offset tuition costs for recent veterans and their families. In recent years, state legislatures nationwide have taken a more active role by enacting tuition assistance and tuition waiver laws for all of their public postsecondary institutions.

LB 1055 would help place Nebraska among those states taking an active role in assisting our veterans who wish to pursue postsecondary education. Student debt is a growing problem in this country and, even with the benefit of certain military benefits, a college education can still be costly. LB 1055 would help alleviate that potential burden and we thank Sen. Janssen for bringing this legislation forward.

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