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To Whom It May Concern:

The Office of Information Technology (OIT) is working toward improving the state of technology for all of Colorado and its citizens. Information Technology (IT) is the infrastructure (backbone) that enables the delivery of many of our business functions and services. From law enforcement to tax collection, IT is the mechanism that processes warrants, receipts, licenses, and everything in between. As our citizens place further demand on government for increased efficiency, reduced spending, and accountability, the role for IT continues to evolve.

Historically, IT in Colorado has grown alongside departmental business functions and has been appropriately considered a key mechanism for completing those functions. However, the increased use and statewide abundance of IT operations has resulted in technology redundancies and functional duplication across state agencies. Telecommunications, desktop services, and call centers are all areas that use common technology; however, are not currently leveraged from an enterprise shared services model. This has left the State in a position where it is not receiving the greatest benefit from IT investments.

OIT continues to conduct assessments at various levels within the IT community. One of the studies, conducted in concert with the change in administration, was an evaluation of the overall state of IT in Colorado. The findings uncovered areas where improvements could be implemented and others where additional data was required prior to finalizing recommendations.

The attached document is a breakdown and analysis of Executive Order D 016 07 and outlines its key components. We hope that it addresses any concerns or questions pertaining to the Executive Order and highlights the benefits we hope to realize.

As the number of visitors and residents in Colorado increases, our IT infrastructure will need to be maintained, improved, and expanded. We hope that everyone within State government will assist our OIT team to find ways to leverage our strengths and diminish our weaknesses. OIT looks forward to working with you all in the future.

Sincerely,

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