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To Whom It May Concern:

Rose state college currently serves over 8,300 students each year and continues to grow, as does the population of the surrounding cities. Construction permits in the City of Moore alone were up 71% from the year 2000 for new homes and businesses. With so much economic growth happening in our area, more jobs are being created for our citizens. The need for specialized education in the technology fields is increasing rapidly as education, income, and population are huge factors in how businesses determine whether or not they want to locate in our vicinity.

Our city has a great need for a forensics education. The new businesses moving in have a need to provide security to their customers and employees and have a need to hire employees with skills to protect data secure their data. Many citizens in Moore are employed by Tinker Air Force Base or the Federal Aviation Administration, and already require these skills everyday to do their jobs. Our law enforcement is expected to have the training it requires to solve computer related crimes and keep up with current technology and techniques to use. Also, as chair of Homeland Security for our region, I've seen that there is a demand for digital forensics needed by specialists in our area to protect our nation.

Rose State College prepares students and employees for cybersecurity careers and advanced training. It is currently the only community college in the nation to offer all of the six National Training Standard for System Administration in Information Systems Security certificates. The school offers a foundation of networking and operating skills, then provides a customized education in specialized skills in networking or cybersecurity, covering a broad range of topics.

As technology advances, so does the demand for training and education. Because of this, I believe that there is a great need for a computer forensics education in our city and would like for you to consider allowing Rose State College to offer a Bachelors of Technology in Digital Forensics.

Sincerely

Mayor Glenn Lewis