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Study Committee calls for CU Audit

Denver, CO: The Republican Study Committee of Colorado (RSCC), in a letter today, to the State Auditor, called for an audit of the University of Colorado Diversity Administration.

The letter to the State Auditor, which reinforces Representative's Bill Cadman and Cory Gardner's call for an investigation into the funding and account management of the Diversity Administration, was signed by members of the RSCC.

"Accountability of public funding is not a luxury, it's a necessity for higher education," stated Senator Mike Kopp (R - Littleton).

As reported in the Campus Accountability Project of the Independence Institute, CU's Diversity Administration is unable to provide accurate or comprehensive accounting of how much money it is spending or how that money is being used within the program. The Diversity Administration has reported that it spent more than \$21.8 million in 2006; however administrators claim that number is substantially less than the actual amount spent by the program.

While higher education is an important part of the continuing

economic growth of this state, it is difficult to find sympathy in pleas for additional funds when programs like the CU Diversity Administration have little real understanding of how their program administers funds, which could increase the potential for abuse.

"The fact that the CU Diversity Administration is unable to account for tens of millions of dollars that have been spent by their program is unacceptable," stated Representative Kent Lambert (R - Colorado Springs), RSCC Chairman.

A full copy of the letter will be included with this press release.

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