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From: Theresa Ryan <tryan@eemail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 4:17 PM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners Office
Subject: Re: Draft of proposed letter for Ravalli County Commissioners to send to Elsie Arntzen at OPI, protesting loss of funds to Literacy Bitterroot

Dear County Commissioners,

I forgot to tell you at the meeting Wednesday, Literacy Bitterroot sends fully HALF of its graduates on to college! Talk about turning someone's life around! Do you know that just one year of College increases your lifetime earnings by over 30 % AND increases your life span nine years. The high school degree by itself increases annual income by 100%. I did the math. That means someone with one year of college makes more than 150% what someone without a high school degree. (\$26,550 vs \$10,386)

The GED (HiSET) program is the kind of safety net that bounces young people out of poverty, like a trapeze safety net, instead of entrapping them in poverty like a netted snare. This is the kind of safety net we want to encourage, truly a second chance for those who didn't make it the first time around.

Please let me know Elsie's response.
Best regards, Terry Ryan

> On Aug 1, 2017, at 10:33 PM, Theresa Ryan <tryan@eemail.com> wrote:
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> Commissioners, Here is my draft of the letter Commissioner Greg Chilcott asked me to write for tomorrow's meeting at 2:00. See you then. Terry Ryan
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> <Elsie Arntzen from County Commissioners.docx>