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SENATE EDUCATION

EXHIBIT NO. 7

DATE 3-9-05

BILL NO. HB-16

March 7, 2005

To Montana Congress 2005

RE: In support of House Bill #16 Non-Beneficiary Student funding increase.

I am writing in support of the House Bill #16 for the Non-Beneficiary student funding increase for this legislation. Stone Child College is a tribal college with an open door policy that serves all students regardless of race, creed, and/or color.

In the past five years we have graduated 11 non-beneficiary student graduates in the areas of Teacher Education, Math/Science, Human Services, Computer Science and General Science studies. Three of our graduates are currently employed at the local school districts, tribal and local community organizations. Eight of the 11 graduates have continued on to finish their four year degree education program in the Montana State University System. These graduates have earned degrees in Criminal Justice, Human Services, Biology, Teacher Education and Chemical Dependency. Currently two graduates are employed with the State of Montana. And, three of the 11 are seeking Master Degree program of studies from the University of Great Falls and the Montana State University System.

Increasing the Non-beneficiary student funding will enable our college to assist more students like our prior graduates to achieve a life time goal—education. Help us to help our rural community by approving house bill #16.

Sincerely,

Shelley Viall

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