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Senator Dean Mortimer  
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Esteemed Chairman Mortimer and members of the Senate Education Committee:

Please accept this letter of support for Senate Bill 1291, also known as The Adult Degree Completion Scholarship.

Here at North Idaho College, we serve the community to offer pathways to completion in a wide array of fields and discipline. As you know, in Idaho we have a significant amount of our neighbors who have attended some college but not completed. A trained and ready workforce is the key to a sustainable economy and providing help for those fellow Idahoans who could complete their first degree or technical certification is paramount.

For a working adult, be it one who's employed full or part-time, the partnership offered by this scholarship provides a key element in helping many of our neighbors realize completion. And we know that through completion, improved employment and earnings follow- which in turn- helps to augment all areas of the economy and our communities.

This may be drafted as a scholarship bill—but what it really is is this: an economic sustainability effort through a trained and educated workforce.

Thank you for your consideration and your willingness to serve our state.

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