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Written Testimony for HB62 House Education Committee

Chairwoman Fowler Arthur, Vice Chair Odioso, Ranking Member Robinson, and members of the House Higher Education Committee,

My name is Jordan Michael, I am the Superintendent of the Eastern Local School District in Brown County. I am an executive board member of the Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools. Our Coalition and its member superintendents are in favor of all provisions included in the HB62.

Aligning rates for online CCP classes with the second-tier rate for CCP classes taken at high schools makes the most sense. Online CCP courses are currently billed at the highest-tier rate per credit hour. Encouraging textbook cost sharing between colleges and high schools is a partnership that is equitable. When given the opportunity we should allow CCP students to use free, open-source materials.

Lastly, we should be promoting local CCP enrollment by encouraging students to take CCP courses at their high schools, when available. This allows for local High Schools to increase enrollment, continue relationships that have already been built with students/parents, and allows for students to remain in the building. More students in the building lead to increased participation in extra curriculars, school spirit, and increased student leadership in the building.

Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Je R. Mil

Jordan Michael, Superintendent Eastern Local School District

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