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To whom it may concern,

The Business Administration students at Aurora College's North Slave/Yellowknife Campus has recently filed a letter (attached) appealing the administration for a third year program. We are asking for your support and consideration in this matter, as we feel that you and your organization play a vital role in the economic and educational growth throughout the North.

There are over 30 student enrolled in the diploma program at this campus, and we are under the impression that a full time degree program would encourage more graduates from northern secondary schools to attend and current students to continue their education

Our professors have continually encouraged us to aim higher for our education and given the chance, we would. Our program is at filled to capacity with over 87% of the students enrolled at this campus having children, averaging \$63 every month for discretionary income. They then must transfer to Edmonton or Lethbridge to continue onto a degree, or attempt distance education through Athabasca. Only these schools have the ease of transfer from our program.

Distance learning is an option for some, but as a student with firsthand experience of dealing with the Student Financial Assistance program, Athabasca University, raising a family and working multiple jobs, this is not a task for the faint of heart. We want our colleagues and friends to thrive, not have to deal with the stress of a seemingly unattainable education.

Students of this program love living in the North. There are so many opportunities for work and growth, and we're asking for your assistance to let us continue to study. We want to see an exponential growth in the use of natural resources and the economy, and are passionate about our communities. With your support of discussing this with your Member of the Legislative Assembly, friends and colleges around the north, city council and chamber members, we can see the North continue to study.

Thank you,

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November 7th, 2012

To the President, faculty and board members of Aurora College,

This letter is to formally appeal for a third year business administration degree program at the Yellowknife/North Slave campus.

The opportunity to learn and develop here in the north has been such a positive experience for both the first and second year students and being given the option, we would be very enthusiastic about continuing the path chosen for our education by attending third year for the 2013/2014 school year and beyond.

We, the undersigned, feel as a collective colleagues, that the courses and professional experience found here at our campus is comparable to the educational foundation that can be found at any other college in Canada and have thoroughly enjoyed the degree program and, if given the option would continue on.

Thank you for your consideration on the matter of adopting a third year degree program for the Business Administration Students.

Sincerely,

The Business Administration Students of the Yellowknife/North Slave Campus

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