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Representative Tommy Thompson
PO Box 458
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Dear Representative Thompson:

It was 13 years ago that members of the General Assembly decided to dedicate Kentucky Lottery revenue to college grant, scholarship and literacy programs, I'm writing to let you know how these funds have made a difference in your district.

During Fiscal Year 2011, 1,279 grants and scholarships worth \$1,925,107 were awarded to students in House District 14. This includes 3,200 grants and scholarships worth \$4,842,322 awarded to students in Daviess County, and 646 grants and scholarships worth \$966,327 were awarded to students in Ohio County.

Colleges, universities and vocational schools in your area also felt the impact of our funds. Owensboro Community and Technical College saw 1,967 grants and scholarships worth \$2,146,864 used on its campus. In addition, 460 grants and scholarships worth \$905,761 were used at Brescia University, and 874 grants and scholarships worth \$1,769,918 were used at Kentucky Wesleyan College.

These represent a part of the more than 119,200 college grants and scholarships we funded last year worth \$187.1 million. Since 1999, our proceeds have funded more than 1,301,000 college grants and scholarships worth more than \$1.74 billion. This is in addition to the \$687 million contributed to the state's General Fund during those same years.

How has this helped our state? Prior to 1999, the Council on Postsecondary Education found the number of students attending college in Kentucky had remained flat for several years. However, since the start of the Kentucky Lottery-funded scholarship and grant programs, college attendance in the Commonwealth has jumped more than 40%. At the same time, KEES data indicates more of Kentucky's best and brightest students are staying in Kentucky to attend college.



Thanks for your leadership in establishing and funding these programs. We're extremely proud of our work to keep Kentucky's best and brightest in our state while making college more affordable and accessible for Kentucky's families and children. We hope to ensure the leaders of our future will not only be educated in Kentucky, but will stay in Kentucky. If I or my staff can provide any more information to you, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arch Gleason". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "A".