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Dr. Chrystal Liu,

Extempore greatly appreciates the opportunity to endorse the Nebraska Seal of Biliteracy, a high school credential that recognizes the language proficiency of students in numerous districts around the state. Languages are a critical 21st-century skill alongside first-language literacy and strong verbal and written communication. In today's competitive and globalized job market, nothing has more potential to set Nebraska graduates apart than the kind of cultural competence that language study helps to foster.

Extempore maintains an integral role in world language education, fostering proficiency in classrooms all around the world every day. As an assessment platform, Extempore allows teachers to host practice and high stakes assessments for all language, levels, modes, and skills. At the same time, Extempore also functions as the official assessment platform for the Seal of Biliteracy exam for numerous less commonly taught languages in its home state of Minnesota.

"The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given in recognition of students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation," said State Senator John McCollister of Omaha. "I am proud that the State of Nebraska acknowledges the value of biliteracy as our world seems to become smaller every day."

Our business wholeheartedly supports the Nebraska Seal of Biliteracy. We agree that:

- Bilingual employees are an asset in every level of business, from entry-level to highly skilled positions.
- Bilingual employees often present a higher ability to relate to people and to reach a wider customer base.
- Bilingual employees have language skills that allow greater access to resources in other languages and countries.

We understand that businesses that endorse the Nebraska Seal of Biliteracy support all the state Seal of Biliteracy from other states in the U.S. To show our support for the Nebraska Seal of Biliteracy, we have opted to share posts on our social media channels in the coming weeks.

We encourage Nebraska students in their pursuit of the Nebraska Seal of Biliteracy.

Sincerely,

Carlos Seoane
CEO, Extempore