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Jeremy Anderson Named President of Education Commission of the States

Denver – Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper, chair of the Education Commission of the States (ECS), announced that Jeremy Anderson has been selected as the next president of ECS.

"A strong educational system is key to a strong economy. ECS helps policymakers at all levels make the right decisions about education—from preschool through college," said Governor Hickenlooper. "Jeremy Anderson is poised to take on that challenge by focusing ECS’ efforts on bringing people together to work on the important education issues of the day."

A leader in education and health care policy for 20 years, Anderson brings a strong education background to the position including:

- A distinguished public service record with experience in Washington, D.C. on Capitol Hill, in state governments with many governors and state legislators, and with education policy organizations
- Strategic leadership on education policy design and implementation through projects with the National Governors Association, the Education Division of Standard and Poor's, and ECS
- Service as the long-time Policy and Governmental Affairs Director for former Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius, where he advised the Governor on state and national legislative initiatives and oversaw her involvement with ECS during her term as the ECS Chair
- Direct involvement in brokering the bipartisan passage of the largest K-12 funding investment in Kansas history to avert a shutdown of Kansas schools.

Anderson succeeds Roger Sampson, who has served as the ECS president since 2007. "Roger Sampson guided ECS through some difficult times and the organization came through stronger than ever. The Executive Committee is thankful for his steady leadership over the last five years," said North Dakota Representative Rae Ann Kelsch, who is the ECS Vice Chair and headed up the search committee. "After
conducting a comprehensive, nationwide search, we believe Mr. Anderson is the right person to lead ECS into a new era.”

Anderson will be the eighth person to hold the presidency since ECS’ inception in 1965. Anderson will begin his tenure on December 1, 2012.

“We are at the beginning of a major transformation in education in America. While ECS has a strong history of creating consensus-building opportunities for education leaders, now is the time for ECS to strategically engage in additional education conversations and issues,” said Anderson. “From Common Core to early childhood, from college readiness to preparing America for the next wave of high-skilled, high-wage professionals, ECS will be at the forefront of those discussions to enlighten, equip, and engage key education leaders throughout the United States.”

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ECS is the only nationwide, nonpartisan organization that works directly with governors, legislators, chief state school officers, higher education officials, and other leaders across all areas of education—from pre-K to college and the workforce. Since 1965, we have tracked policy, translated research, provided unbiased advice, and created opportunities for state policymakers to learn from one another. ECS is located in Denver and maintains the nation’s most extensive clearinghouse on education policy.

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