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Arizona State Senate

May 25, 2010

The Honorable Jan Brewer
Governor of Arizona
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Governor Brewer:

I am writing to express my support for your continued efforts to explore new opportunities to reform Arizona's public education system and Arizona's proposal for funding under Race to the Top.

Arizona's long history of innovative reforms has gained national recognition and has served as a model for many states. Our robust charter school system, our statewide teacher performance pay, and our success in expanding school choice opportunities for our students and their parents make Arizona fertile ground for sustained efforts to improve accountability and efficiency in our system.

This year, the combined efforts of the Legislature and your office have enacted phenomenal education reform legislation. Together, we expanded school choice and set in motion numerous improvements to school and teacher quality while removing obstacles that stand in the way of student achievement and academic excellence.

I share your interest in Arizona's future and stand with you in support of Arizona's participation in Race to the Top.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert L. Burns".

Robert L. Burns

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