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The Honorable Janice K. Brewer Governor of Arizona 1700 West Washington Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Governor Brewer:

As the President of the Arizona Board of Regents, I endorse your efforts to renew application for the Federal Government's Race to the Top award. I laud your commitment to simultaneously secure our children's future and promote the general welfare of our great state. The goals of Race to the Top—reforming low-performing schools, producing talented teachers, supporting effective administration, capturing data that informs policy and reinstating academic rigor—are emblematic of a shared desire to restore the nation's educational system to its preeminent standing. It is crucial that Arizona's schools realize the program's ambitious objectives and develop college-ready students to fulfill your 2020 Vision for doubling statewide baccalaureate production.

I applaud your decision to refocus Arizona's efforts around our state's history of economic development and dedication to its future as a center for advanced technology and energy innovation. Moreover, partnerships with established organizations, like WestEd, along with guidance from public and private stakeholders display a commitment to enhance the overall reform plan.

Throughout Arizona, education faces unparalleled fiscal challenges that demand acute and immediate intervention. Race to the Top offers the opportunity to gain valuable resources for innovative programs and initiatives that foster achievement and promote equitable educational outcomes for all students. Your resolve to pursue a share of this

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\$4.35 Billion program is not only fiscally prudent, it is essential. The universities, as vital economic engines and unwavering partners in the educational enterprise, faithfully support Arizona's intent to compete in the Race to the Top. Thank you for your leadership and dedication to this critical effort.

Sincerely,

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