

May 20, 2010

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

Dear Governor Brewer,

As the Arizona affiliate of the National Association of Manufacturers, the Arizona Manufacturers Council (AMC) stands behind your efforts to secure the resources our state needs to transform Arizona's public education system.

For Arizona students to succeed in today and tomorrow's global marketplace, they need sustained opportunities in math, science and technology that are connected to real-world jobs and high-wage careers that support our economy. And they need these opportunities throughout their schooling, not just in the final years of high school. As employers, our members are constantly challenged to find skilled workers — people who can think outside the box, who know their way around a computer and who come into their positions with the kind of knowledge that at one time was considered advanced, but that is now elemental. Supporting our students also means supporting our teachers and schools with the infrastructure they require to be able to meet this challenge.

Thank you for so thoroughly addressing these concerns in Arizona's application for Race to the Top funding.

Best regards

Mark T. Dobbins

Chairman

