



May 13, 2010

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

Dear Governor Brewer:

The Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry has long recognized the importance of a well educated workforce to Arizona's economic future. As Arizona competes in the global economy to retain and attract high wage employers, the state needs an education system capable of meeting the demand for increasingly skilled employees. We believe that the Arizona Plan includes reforms that will greatly improve the state's ability to develop local talent whose skills are compatible with the needs of employers. The Arizona Chamber has advocated in the past for many elements of the Arizona Plan, including the development of globally competitive standards and assessments, the use of data to support instruction, and the recruitment and development of highly effective teachers and principals. We are encouraged to see that these results-oriented approaches to reform are central elements of the proposal.

As Arizona prepares to transition into its second 100 years of statehood, the Arizona Plan helps to create the strong educational foundation that will be necessary in order to support Arizona's 21st century economy. The Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry recognizes the benefits of these reforms that will be realized by the employer community and supports the proposals in the Arizona Plan.

Sincerely,

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