

May 20, 2010

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

Dear Governor Brewer:

I am writing to voice Raytheon's support for education reform in our state as outlined in Arizona's Race to the Top application.

As a leading aerospace and defense company, we depend on a high quality educational system that will produce a career and college ready workforce that can compete in the 21st century global economy. We feel that the strategies outlined in the reform plan are essential to help ensure that students graduate from high school with the knowledge and skills they need for success in postsecondary education and careers.

At Raytheon, we put a specific emphasis on math and science education, which we feel is the foundation for America's leadership in innovation. It is also an imperative for the defense industry, which relies on U.S. citizens with these technical skills to ensure our future success. We feel that the strategies in the RTTT application that address math and science proficiencies are particularly important in the transformation of Arizona's education system.

Thank you for your efforts to champion this reform in Arizona. We believe that improvements in both K-12 and higher education are a critical priority for this state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T.W. Lawrence", followed by a horizontal line that ends in a small dot.

Taylor W. Lawrence