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The Honorable Jan Brewer
Governor of Arizona
Arizona State Capitol
1700 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Governor Brewer,

As the Leadership of the Arizona House of Representative's Democratic Caucus we would like to offer our support for the state's Race to the Top grant application. Our state has seen many changes in the past two years and has felt the effects of a recession at all levels of state government, including on our K -12 education system. Despite these challenges, one thing has not changed in our minds and in the minds of Arizonans: that education will continue to be a deciding factor in Arizona's long-term success.

We believe that as a state and nation, we must emphasize the strengths of our current system and strive to improve the elements that demand reform. For these reasons we would like to continue to support the efforts of President Obama and Secretary Duncan and are encouraged by the attention that the Race to the Top program has generated for our public education system. We also appreciate the availability of resources to assist our state in implementing reform initiatives. Our hope is that the attention and additional resources will translate into lasting reforms that will benefit Arizonans and Americans for generations to come.

Sincerely,



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