

May 19, 2010

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

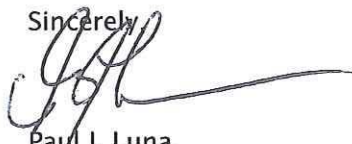
Dear Governor Brewer:

Helios Education Foundation is pleased to submit this letter in support of Arizona's effort to reform and strengthen our state's education system through the federal Race to the Top initiative. Helios is dedicated to creating opportunities for every individual in Arizona and Florida to succeed across the education continuum and we know firsthand the commitment, coordination, consensus-building and investment it takes to change lives through education.

We are encouraged to see this same commitment reflected in Arizona's Race to the Top bid, and we applaud the consensus and team work exemplified in this application. The Race to the Top application process has galvanized education stakeholders in our community, bringing together a diverse group of voices, including local and state public sector leaders and advocates and private sector businesses and industries, all ready to implement innovative, cohesive education reform in Arizona.

Know that Helios Education Foundation stands ready to support Arizona's efforts to move the needle forward and improve the quality of our education system. By working together, we can lead the way in shaping statewide education reform in a way that better prepares every individual in Arizona to complete postsecondary education and enter the global marketplace equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete and succeed.

Sincerely,



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President and CEO