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The Honorable Jan Brewer  
Governor of Arizona  
Executive Tower at the State Capitol  
1700 West Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Governor Brewer:

I write with my enthusiastic support for Arizona's application to the Race to the Top competition. My staff and I have been working with the program design team, and we are very excited about the funding of Arizona's application. As one of Arizona's three deans of education at public universities, I can assure you that we are all committed to the success of this enterprise.

The colleges of education at Arizona's three public universities have a long history of collaboration that has served our state well. For example, we currently work closely together on the state-wide evaluation of the First Things First early childhood program. This complex effort, with the University of Arizona serving as the lead agency, also has principal investigators at Arizona State University and Northern Arizona University. Similarly, we have had federal special education grants with Arizona State University as the lead institution and the University of Arizona as a partner.

Together, our three universities prepare the majority of teachers for Arizona's schools. We all have extensive networks of engagement with the P-12 community, and our colleges are all committed to high levels of clinical work in our preparation programs. Moreover, all of our universities have worked with charter schools as well as with school districts, so we are poised to leverage school reform across the full range of options available in our state.

I am looking forward to a positive outcome for this application and beginning to work on improving education for all of Arizona's children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RM', written over a horizontal line.

Ronald W. Marx  
Dean