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May 26, 2010

Secretary Arne Duncan
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Secretary Duncan,

I write regarding the State of Arizona's application for round two for the Race to the Top competition.

According to the State of Arizona, Arizona's Race to the Top application addresses education reforms in four areas: standards and assessments, data systems to support instruction, great teachers and leaders, and turning around the lowest-achieving schools. The state included in its application several performance indicators to measure the state's implementation of its reform plan and the progress toward meeting its goal. According to the State of Arizona, these performance indicators and targets meet or exceed those previously set by the state.

I urge you to give this application full and fair consideration.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Harry E. Mitchell".

Harry E. Mitchell
Member of Congress