



May 24, 2010

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

Dear Governor Brewer:

Tucson Values Teachers (TVT) strongly supports the educational reforms outlined in Arizona's Race to the Top application.

TVT is a nonprofit organization in Southern Arizona that creates programming that provides economic support for all K-12 teachers, and also works to inform the public about the critical role that K-12 teachers play in the economic and societal well-being of the region. These efforts support our mission to recruit and retain the very best teachers.

The educational reforms that are detailed in Arizona's Race to the Top application are consistent with TVT's mission, and would assist in efforts to attract, retain and reward all K-12 teachers. In fact, the strategies outlined in the application are essential in efforts to transform Arizona's educational system.

Thank you for your strong advocacy of education in our state, and for all you have done to help assure a well-funded and high achieving educational system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Colleen Niccum'.

Colleen Niccum
President of the Board
Tucson Values Teachers

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jacquelyn Jackson'.

Jacquelyn Jackson
Executive Director
Tucson Values Teachers