

May 7, 2010

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

Dear Governor Brewer,

I'm delighted to write this letter of support for Arizona's Race to the Top (RTTT) grant application. As chair of your P-20 Coordinating Council, I have witnessed first-hand the great support received from business and community leaders as well as educators around the state. The planning process has brought together many stakeholders to improve education in Arizona. This includes the Arizona Department of Education, the House and Senate, school districts and the education associations.

The recently passed legislation pertaining to education has laid a strong foundation for successfully implementing Arizona's RTTT application. Additionally, as chair of the Arizona Grantmakers Forum, which represents 76 philanthropic organizations, I have witnessed the foundation community uniting to offer tremendous support of this grant.

I am confident that the bold ideas outlined in the application will substantially improve student achievement throughout Arizona, especially in urban, rural and tribal land schools. It is with great enthusiasm that we endorse this proposal, which if funded, will significantly improve public education in Arizona.

Sincerely,



Dr. Carol G. Peck  
President and CEO