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The Honorable Jan Brewer
Governor of Arizona
1700 West Washington
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RE: Race to the Top Application

Dear Governor Brewer:

On behalf of the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools ("Board"), I am pleased to express their support of Arizona's application to the Race to the Top Fund.

Since its inception, the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools has operated with a mission to foster accountability in charter schools and to improve student achievement through market choice. The Board presently provides oversight of 379 charter operators who serve over 101,000 Arizona students.

The Board appreciates the opportunity it was provided to participate in the development of Arizona's Race to the Top application and the inclusion of charter schools as partners within each of the four assurance areas of the Arizona Plan. The fundamental changes in policy and partnerships embedded in the Arizona Plan will improve the quality of education of students attending public schools, both district and charter, and ensure that all students graduate from high school ready for the demands and opportunities of postsecondary education and careers.

Sincerely,

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