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May 11, 2010

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

Dear Governor Brewer,

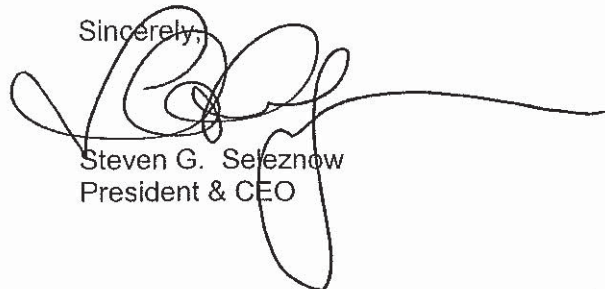
We enthusiastically support Arizona's second round application for Race to the Top. As one of the largest foundations in the state with over \$480M in assets and 10 affiliates statewide, we stand ready to support the state's efforts to systemically advance educational excellence.

As a nonpartisan foundation, we have appreciated the opportunity to serve on committees of the P-20 Councils under previous administrations and under your leadership. We have been particularly impressed with how you are approaching the second round of the Race to the Top application by engaging a broad range of stakeholders and key thought leaders in the state to shape our state's direction, and we have appreciated the opportunity to host some of those meetings for you.

We are particularly supportive of the state's efforts to advance several things that we have advocated for and researched – efforts to improve college and career readiness, to raise standards and enhance the methods of assessments, to draw on the lessons of years of investment in charter schools, to promote innovative, systemic reform models, to promote quality early education, and to accentuate our state's great work on STEM.

We look forward to deepening our partnership with you as we work together to carry out your ambitious plans.

Sincerely,



Steven G. Seleznow
President & CEO