



March 11th, 2010

The Honorable Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords
1728 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: "Pathway Partnership Project" STEM Initiative

Dear Congresswoman Giffords,

On behalf of the membership of the Fort Huachuca 50, I am writing to endorse the Pathway Partnership Project and lend our support to the proposal for the project. The Fort Huachuca 50 has long been a vocal and financial support of education initiatives that strengthen our community and future through improving education of our young people.

We are strong supporters of the ground breaking partnership that exists between Cochise College and Fort Huachuca as evidenced by the college's innovative initiatives to provide higher education to active duty soldiers, dependents, and employees of the Fort's civilian workforce. The College's initiatives have had a direct impact on preparing qualified and competitive entry level employees for employment and achievement in Cochise County's high-tech economy. The Pathway Partnership Project will build upon their achievement by strengthening ties between high school, entry level college education, and universities by preparing and steering students toward engineering and technology fields of study. It provides a sustainable pipeline of qualified and skilled employees for Fort Huachuca and our businesses.

The federal government organization for which I work is a supporter. I have recently hired a student intern from Cochise College who has expressed an interest in the intelligence field. He has already proven to be a valued member of our team, and is an investment in to grow an expert, career intelligence officer.

Having earned a degree in atmospheric physics, as the father of an undergraduate student in physics and computer science at the University of Arizona, and as a senior US government civilian and retired US Army Intelligence Colonel, I am personally and acutely aware of the national shortfalls in STEM related education. I am confident that the community, to include membership of the '50, will independently choose to support this initiative. We collectively have a vested interest in the success of the Pathway Partnership Project and will support the College and its partners. I hope you will lend your support to this program.

Sincerely,

President

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