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Honorable Russell Pearce, Chairman - House Committee on Appropriations (P)
Honorable Members of the House Committee on Appropriations (P)

RE: SCR 1006 - CLASSROOM DOLLARS; MINIMUM EXPENDITURES (Opposition)

The Arizona Business & Education Coalition takes positions on issues based on "Principles of Agreement" that represent consensus between our Business and Education members. Based on these principles, our Board of Directors voted to oppose the 65% "First Class Education" initiative last year.

Although SCR 1006 is not identical to the initiative, it is substantially similar in its approach and content. We share your goals of efficiency and accountability, but we believe this approach is unsound and will create devastating unintended consequences.

Because of the vast diversity among Arizona's school districts and the vital functions which fall outside of the 65% "in the classroom" definition, we are deeply concerned that this legislation will have a negative impact on Arizona's K-12 school system.

We respectfully request that you support the Arizona's K-12 school system by casting your vote in opposition to SCR 1006.

Sincerely:

Barbara Clark
President

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Executive Director