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March 5, 2013

The Honorable Ann Kirkpatrick
United States House of Representatives
330 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

DELIVERED VIA U.S. MAIL AND FAX

Dear Representative Kirkpatrick:

RE: H.R. 803, the SKILLS Act

On behalf of the Arizona Trucking Association, I urge you to support passage of HR 803, the Supporting Knowledge and Investing in Lifelong Skills (SKILLS) Act.

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Please support passage of HR 803. The importance of educational assistance through WIA is growing in our industry and others. The trucking industry expects to bring on nearly 100,000 new drivers each year, on average, over the next 10 years. We are already experiencing a shortage of 20,000 drivers, a shortage that could grow significantly unless we can attract trained drivers.

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The Honorable Ron Barber
United States House of Representatives
1029 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

DELIVERED VIA U.S. MAIL AND FAX

Dear Representative Barber:

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The Honorable Raul Grijalva
United States House of Representatives
1511 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Paul Gosar
United States House of Representatives
504 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Representative Gosar:

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The Honorable Matt Salmon
United States House of Representatives
2349 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

DELIVERED VIA U.S. MAIL AND FAX

Dear Representative Salmon:

RE: H.R. 803, the SKILLS Act

On behalf of the Arizona Trucking Association, want to thank you for co-sponsoring HR 803, the Supporting Knowledge and Investing in Lifelong Skills (SKILLS) Act.

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The Honorable David Schweikert
United States House of Representatives
1205 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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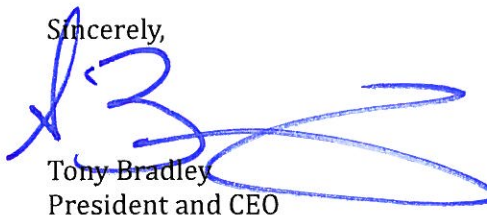
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United States House of Representatives
2465 Rayburn House Office Building
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United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Kyrsten Sinema
United States House of Representatives
1237 Longworth House Office Building
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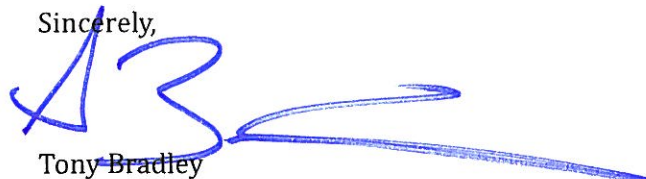
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