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From: Kyle Ferguson

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Subject: JobPath's Vital Role in our Community

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## Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing/here today to show my support of JobPath and how critical they've been for me during my time as a radiography student.

Jobpath has been instrumental in my success as student of radiography. Much of my time is spent in the hospital obtaining the clinical hours I need to graduate. This is especially challenging because I've had to cut my hours at my actual job which subsequently makes money a little tight. On top of that, the commute can be very expensive with all the gas. If I hadn't received funding and support through JobPath, there are obstacles that may have impeded my path to success greatly, and for that i am forever grateful to everyone at JobPath.

As a JobPath student, I've received immeasurable support and help from this foundation. Some of these things include helping with car repairs that I desperately needed, gas money to get to and from school and clinicals, as well as helping me cover my board exams and other school related expenses

If the Board of Supervisors cuts JobPath funding, I know the support I receive from them will be cut jeopardizing my success in my program. I encourage you to vote to continue funding JobPath at the same level at the very least. The future success of students just like me is at stake. Please take the time to consider what an impact JobPath has had on me and other students, as well as the Tucson community at large.

Sincerely,

Kyle Ferguson Pima Community college (radiography) 

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Pima County Board of Supervisors

Re: JobPath's Critical Support of Tucson Students

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Today I am writing to voice my support for JobPath and the critical role they played during my time as a nursing student. When I heard they were at risk of receiving less funding, I had to speak up.

I started my nursing program while working at my previous job. I managed to survive one semester doing so, but after many nights of tears and frustration, I was forced to end that employment so that I could concentrate on my challenging education. JobPath proudly stepped up to help, by providing the financial security necessary to meet my ongoing demands, thereby enabling me to learn to be a safe nurse.

As a JobPath alumni, I received months of assistance that was absolutely vital to my success as a student. JobPath helped me to keep my car and buy fuel to travel to clinical assignments that I could not miss. They made sure I didn't go without necessary supplies for my program. Additionally, they provided me emotional support, by checking in on a monthly basis to ensure I was feeling good about my education.

While organizations such as Arizona@Work do incredible work to help students, JobPath is unique in its approach. They are able to cover expenses that many others cannot, such as housing costs or emergency expenses that couldn't have been foreseen. They also provide supplies like notebooks and laptops at their office for students to use, which could make the difference for a low-income student to be able to complete a program of study.

I ask the Board to consider not cutting funding to JobPath. Reducing their funding would simultaneously be closing doors for Arizona students, thereby halting their academic progress and doing a disservice to the state economy. JobPath's financial assistance enabled me to become a nurse, and without their help, I sincerely doubt I would be signing this letter *RN*.

Tisa Cash, RN Congressional District 6 Legislative District 20 Supervisor District 3

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-Tisa