

April 17, 2024

Pima County Board of Supervisors

Re: JobPath's Vital Role in our Community

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing this letter to show my support of JobPath and how critical they've been for me during my time as a nursing student.

Before enrolling with JobPath, I had financial and emotional difficulties that made it difficult for me to be a successful college student. I am unable to work full time as a nursing student and have taken out a student loan through FASFA. As I'm sure you are aware, it has become more expensive to pay for housing, food and gas. JobPath came to introduce themselves at the Pima Community College Register Nurse orientation in fall of 2023 and I applied and have received their help as a beneficiary ever since.

As a JobPath student, I've received financial aid when I was no longer receiving hours from work and was in dire financial need. I also had my car needing repairs when I couldn't afford a broken car and JobPath reimbursed me, so I was able to pay rent that month. I have also needed the various trainings that they give each month on matters of interviews, soft skills, and stress management. They have taught me crucial knowledge that is needed to succeed during school and in the workplace in addition to providing funding that I have used to successfully pass the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of nursing school and currently I am almost done with the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. It's hard to imagine this success happening without the support of JobPath.

I say this genuinely. They helped me when I had about \$200 in my bank account and experienced for the first time a dire financial stress that could've prevented me from continuing school if my JobPath counselor hadn't sent me funds. I will never forget that moment when the burden of financial stress was relieved and I was able to get a different job and enough work hours to support myself. The support I receive from JobPath goes above and beyond that of any other organization I am aware of. I have received personal encouragement from many of the staff there and have been so grateful for this organization that has given me so much support. JobPath encouraged me to apply to OneStop and I am planning to do so after I finish with my OB final on April 24<sup>th</sup>. I have been grateful for PCC scholarships for the financial aid as well.

I have concerns that if the Board of Supervisors cuts JobPath funding, the lack of support will make it much harder for me to graduate from my nursing program and be prepared for the soft skills needed to be a RN. I know there is only so much funding and I trust that you are careful with the way the funds are disbursed. I accept that the decision you make will be the best you can make in these circumstances. I just wanted to let you know how important JobPath has been for me and that my hopes include the continuation of the funding of JobPath. If the decision is made to remove funding from JobPath, please make OneStop more accessible for students by having them go to pima RN orientation and clearly state the requirements, how to apply, and the

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benefits. But I truly hope that JobPath continues to receive funding; they have been more important to my success as a student than you will ever know.

Sincerely,

Kayla Beazer

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 17
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SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 3
PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DIST 3
TOWN OF MARANA
NORTHWEST FIRE DISTRICT
MARANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DIST 6
JTED DISTRICT 3

May 2, 2024

Pima County Board of Supervisors

Re: JobPath's Vital Role in our Community

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today to show my support of JobPath and how critical they've been for me during my time as a Pima Community College Nursing student.

Before enrolling with JobPath I was unsure of how I would be able to pay for school. Nursing school has always been my dream and despite working part time as a Certified Nursing Assistant and saving throughout highschool I was struggling to make ends meet. I had cut down my cost of living as much as possible, however the upfront cost of the program was a challenge for my income. Over the summer I worked full time and overtime regularly to save up, but I knew this was not sustainable long term and as soon as school started I would need to prioritize my studies.

As a JobPath student, I've received funding which has allowed me to focus on my schooling without the weight of not knowing how I would be able to pay. Early on in the first semester of the program I was involved in an accident on the way to a test which totaled my car. Knowing I had funds available to help me pay for my school and still afford to buy new transportation is the only reason I was able to complete the first semester of the nursing program. While the financial support has been one of the biggest blessings over my almost two years working with JobPath, I cannot speak highly enough of how dedicated the workers are at providing emotional support as well. Unlike other coaches I have worked with, JobPath success coaches truly care about my progress and it shows in their work. During our monthly meetings they ask follow ups questions from last encounters and provide resources specifically tailored to my needs. They have also provided countless classes that have furthered my ability to write my resume, use time management, reach out to organizations for jobs and other scholarship opportunities.

The support I receive from JobPath goes above and beyond that of any other school or college counselor I have worked with and the aid I have received from them has been vital to my success.

If the Board of Supervisors cuts JobPath funding, I know the support I receive from them will be cut jeopardizing my success in my Nursing program and impacting my career as a nurse in your community. 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.

Sincerely,

Catherine Cole  
District 7

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