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Pima County Board of Supervisors

Re: JobPath's Vital Role in our Community

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 licensed practical nursing student.

Before enrolling with JobPath, I was faced with a large payment for tuition. I struggled to find scholarships, even though I was Phi Theta Kappa while receiving my first degree. Since I could only work part time while in a full time nursing program and as a full time mother, I was stuck believing I would need to take out a loan. An advisor told me about JobPath and thank goodness!

As a JobPath student, I've received funding for my tuition and rent. It felt like a blessing. They continued to provide support by giving monthly gas card which made the stress of my hour long commute to school and hour long commute back home disappear. Additionally, they provided a food pantry of sorts along with textbooks, sanitary products and diapers if needed. They are always available for questions and concerns, and your set advisor checks up once a month to see how you are doing in your program and if there is additional support they can provide. They are flexible in meeting, I often did quick 5 minute virtual check ins at my choosing for convenience!

The support I receive from JobPath goes above and beyond that of anything I could have imagined. Every student deserves a chance to have the help I was blessed to receive. I could not have done this without JobPath. I would either be stuck as I was making sandwiches at minimum wage, or drowning in more student loan debt. I have been a nurse for the last year. I am in a financially secure place in

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my life for the first time, and feel the joy of adding and giving back to the community. I would like to go back to school to further my education in the RN bridge Pima Community College program, and I know JobPath could be the additional support if I need, which is a comfort. I often tell people who say they are going back to school to reach out to job path.

If the Board of Supervisors cuts JobPath funding, I know the support I receive from them will be cut jeopardizing my success in my future RN program, and for students who haven't begun their journey. 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,

Amber Cole

Your District # 5