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From: Martha Gerganoff [REDACTED]
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Subject: JobPath Funding Letter of Support

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May 3, 2020

Dear Members of Pima County Board of Supervisors:

I am a 20-year resident of District One, past President of the JobPath Board of Directors and a registered nurse with over 25 years of senior leadership experience in the Tucson hospital and healthcare community. I have served in Chief Nursing Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Executive Officer roles during those 25 years of Tucson healthcare leadership service. Today, I am writing this email in support of JobPath's current request for \$1.75M in funding from Pima County's General Fund.

In my 14+ years of involvement with JobPath and during my Tucson nursing leadership employment, I became fully aware and appreciative of the strong economic impact that JobPath's graduates bring to our community. In fiscal year 2019, that impact was estimated at \$17.6 million, driven largely by an increase in annual direct wages of \$3.4 million for JobPath graduates (average starting salary of \$50K per graduate).

With support from JobPath, low-income adults are able to overcome life's challenges to succeed in various certification and degree programs. This success is particularly impactful to the Tucson healthcare community. As we're all acutely aware, the pandemic has increased the demand for future healthcare providers and, to this end, the benefit that JobPath brings to our community is great. Many of the graduates enter the nursing profession - thanks to the support of JobPath, over 90% of JobPath students graduate and 85% are able to secure a job in their new profession within 6 months of graduation. Those numbers are strong, have been consistent since JobPath began and speak to the strength of this valuable community organization.

Thank you in advance for reviewing my letter of support and for your consideration of JobPath's request for increased funding from Pima County. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Best regards,

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May 3rd, 2021

Dear Members of the Pima County Board of Supervisors,

I've been a resident in District 1 for 29 years, am a retired employee of the University of Arizona and former JobPath Board member of about 7 years.

Thank you very much for your past investments in JobPath, which have enabled hundreds of low-income students to obtain high paying jobs that are in demand at our local employers in the health care, aviation technology and trades. Especially this last year, we have seen the crucial importance of healthcare professionals in treating COVID patients. Most recent data shows that almost 60% of the jobs filled by JobPath students were in the Nursing, Respiratory and Radiology sectors.

Investments in these students not only helps care for our county residents, it also directly impacts those students and their family's lives. Pima County has helped keep students stay in school despite being laid off from their part time jobs this past year. They also faced challenges paying rent, tuition, child care, medical expenses and the occasional broken down car. Students who otherwise might have dropped out of school or worse, have continued to stay in school. 140 of them will graduate in the next few months and will be ready to join the workforce and support their families.

I urge you to continue to support JobPath and increase that investment to \$1.75 million, dramatically increasing the impact on families who most need the help.

Respectfully,

Tim Walrath



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