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To Whom It May Concern:

The AGC, New Mexico Building Branch is in support of the Vote *Yes Celebrate Our Kids* APS Bond Election, 2010.

AGC supports efforts to make New Mexico a better place to live and do business. Actions that would encourage this include supporting the work of the Governor, Public Education Secretary, and State Legislators who have passed state legislation to help equalize facility funding for public school students across New Mexico. Over the years, public officials have worked hard to create an equitable framework to fund, build and maintain our public school facilities, using both state and local resources.

The AGC supports passage of the February 2 bond measure. We believe that every Albuquerque student, no matter which public school he or she attends, deserves to learn in safe, well-maintained school buildings. It is critical for our community to continue to invest in public education infrastructure and the economic benefits this investment generates. The current challenges facing both our educational and economic systems elevate the importance of this investment. It is also critical that the allocation and spending of all public funds be determined through a fair and transparent process—a position we have long advocated. That is why we join many other public school supporters and will vote yes in the February 2 bond election. Please move New Mexico forward by supporting the Vote *Yes Celebrate Our Kids* APS Bond Election, 2010.

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