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Dear Senators McCain and Flake,

The business community in Arizona, and across the nation, strongly believes now is the time to reform our nation’s broken immigration system. In order to ensure the competitive standing and economic strength of Arizona and the United States, we must have a robust and fair immigration process that promotes legal immigration while securing our nation’s borders.

We commend your latest efforts and demonstration of true leadership in pushing for bipartisan immigration reform in Congress. Arizona’s business community has long recognized that immigration policy reform is a federal responsibility, and that Arizona cannot truly solve the set of complex issues that make up the immigration debate. Yours is a landmark and welcomed attempt for real and significant transformation, and we are confident that with your leadership, it is possible.

We support the four legislative pillars that you identified in your announcement that propose to:

- Create a tough, but fair, path to citizenship for unauthorized immigrants currently living in the United States that is contingent upon securing our borders, and tracking whether legal immigrants have left the country when required;
- Reform our legal immigration system to better recognize the importance of characteristics that will help build the American economy and strengthen American families;
- Create an effective employment verification system that will prevent identity theft and end the hiring of future unauthorized workers; and,
- Establish an improved process for admitting future workers to serve our nation’s workforce needs, while simultaneously protecting all workers.

Like you, we are strongly committed to creating a healthy and robust business environment, and we urge Congress and the President to design and pass immigration legislation based on your outlined principles.

We stand ready to support your efforts to fix our broken immigration system.

Respectfully,
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