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TO: The Honorable Steve Pierce
President, Arizona State Senate

The Honorable Andy Tobin
Speaker, Arizona House of Representatives

FROM: Karen Liersch
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DATE: June 30, 2012

RE: **A.R.S. 15-232 Semiannual Report to the Arizona Legislature from Adult Education Services: January 1, 2012 – June 1, 2012**

The Arizona Adult Education System was ranked 4th for educational gains in FY2011, producing over 2 grade level increases for less than $1250 per student annually. Additional data from the U.S. Department of Labor reports that adults who complete Adult Secondary Education and earn their high school diploma by passing the GED Test earn an additional $9000+ annually in taxable wages, producing tax revenue at both the state and federal levels almost immediately (in FY 2011 over 13,500 Arizona adults earned their high school diploma by passing the GED Test).

Of the 15,363 people who applied for instruction in Arizona Adult Education during the reporting period, 486 people (3.1% percent) were denied instruction because they failed to provide acceptable evidence of citizenship or legal residence in the United States. The following table provides current and historical state totals for the number of people (1) who are waitlisted for classes in each AES service area, (2) who applied for classes, and (3) who were denied enrollment under the Proposition 300 amendment to ARS 15-232 during the reporting period.

Arizona Adult Education ARS 15-232 Compliance Report Comparison June 2007 to June 2012

ARS Report Date:	Waitlist ABE/ASE*	Waitlist ELAA**	Waitlist TOTAL	ARS 15-232 Applicants	ARS 15-232 Service Denials
June 2012	**3289**	**2769**	**6058**	**15,363**	**486**
December, 2011	4112	2328	6440	16,606	510
June, 2011	4173	2368	6541	16,248	555
December, 2010	4077	2271	6348	15,873	544
June, 2010	4521	3338	7859	19,652	503
December, 2009	4775	3020	7795	18,488	523
June, 2009	4048	2551	6599	19,040	890
December, 2008	4025	2877	6902	20,060	470
June, 2008	3347	2703	6050	16,373	771
December, 2007	3151	2434	5585	18,276	1149
June, 2007	2342	4382	6724	11,931	1403

* ABE: Adult Basic Education (Reading, Writing, Math through 8th grade)
* ASE: Adult Secondary Education (Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies: grades 9-12)
** ELAA: English Language Acquisition for Adults