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Dear President Crow:

I am writing to share my support for the North American Center for Transborder Studies (NACTS) at Arizona State University (ASU). As a state located on the U.S.-Mexico border, Arizona understands firsthand the complexities of binational regions. Sharing a border with our North American neighbors also means we share common issues. However, differences in economic and technological development, the management of natural resources and the governance of migration make it challenging to address large-scale issues. If we continue to tackle these issues as individual nations, disparities will continue to elevate.

I was pleased to learn that in the spirit of addressing our continents' shared issues, ASU created NACTS. The Center is an exciting approach to issues specific to North America. NACTS breaks new ground by pairing federal policymakers with academic researchers. I hope to see formal partnerships developed with universities and senators in all North American nations to find the best solutions possible. Through innovative partnerships, the Center can create consistent policies, improve trade and social relations between Canada, Mexico and the United States, and increase economic prosperity in our border regions.

Again, I am proud to support the NACTS and I look forward to watching NACTS evolve and positively impact the lives of Arizona, and all North American, residents.

Yours very truly,

Janet Napolitano
Governor

cc: Jorge de los Santos, Senior Adviser to President Crow
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