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Rep. Kelly Townsend recognizes Governor and Mesa Mayor

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Governor Brewer,

Your recent announcement regarding the addition of Apple's sapphire-glass manufacturing facility in District 16 is certainly an achievement worth noting.

I wish to express my appreciation to you for working with Mayor Scott Smith and the Arizona Commerce Authority to encourage Apple to make a commitment that will bring more than 700 high-tech jobs to my district over the next two years. The collateral benefits in the area will continue to grow through the years, bringing even more jobs and economic benefits to the entire community.

I would like to note that Mayor Smith's innovation and leadership have been an enormous asset to Mesa, bringing businesses, high-wage jobs, higher education and technology to the Mesa area, all while reducing the budget by nearly 20 percent, the effects of which have been extremely positive on the community.

We've been very fortunate to have such a successful, caring man as mayor of Mesa. Mayor Smith's focus on the enrichment and betterment of our community has played a large role in Mesa's recent success, and I'm sure it has contributed in part to Apple's decision. Therefore, I feel it's important to commend you both for this outstanding team effort.

It is very encouraging to see companies like Apple bringing jobs back to America, and gratifying to know Mesa is a beneficiary of that decision.

Again, thank you Governor Brewer. With the combined support and contributions of your office and so many others, the City of Mesa will continue to grow and prosper.

Best wishes,

Representative Kelly Townsend