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March 11, 2010

Honorable Members of the Kansas Legislature,

We write to you to support the \$50 million in state support for state universities and \$7 million for Washburn University community colleges and technical colleges.

Our businesses need a skilled workforce to remain competitive. We are struggling to find employees with the education and skills needed for our industries. Difficulties in hiring are hindering our growth.

This talent shortage is particularly acute in the state's universities, community colleges and technical colleges. Our state can help our businesses compete nationally and around the world by investing in proper education and training in Kansas.

Kansas businesses have a long history of innovation, enterprise and economic growth. We hope that you will consider the impact of this investment on the state's economy. Thank you for your support of our economic growth.

Respectfully,

Laurie Minard
VP, Human Resources
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March 14, 2019

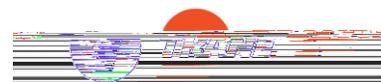
Honorable Members of the Kansas Legislature,

We write to you in support of the Kansas Board of Regents funding request, which would add \$50 million in state support for state universities and \$27 million for Washburn University, community colleges and technical colleges.

Our businesses need a skilled workforce to remain competitive and grow. As an organization that works closely to bridge the gap between industry and academia, we are acutely aware that Kansas companies are struggling to find enough workers with the education and skillsets required for success in the life science and healthcare industries. Difficulties in hiring qualified workers pose serious challenges for our stakeholders in both the short and long term.

This talent shortage is a crisis nationally, and particularly in Kansas. Life science employers rely upon the universities, community colleges and technical colleges in our state to provide a workforce that can help our businesses compete nationally and around the world. We believe that increasing investment in higher education will improve our talent pipeline in Kansas, and make Kansas an attractive place to start, grow or relocate life science and healthcare businesses.

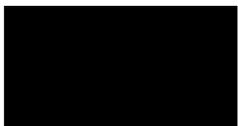
Kansas businesses have a long history of innovation, entrepreneurship and hard work. We are proud to be an integral part of that tradition and want to see our state's economy flourish for decades to come. We hope that you will consider and approve the Regents' request as a way to support business and economic growth.



March 14, 2019

Honorable Members of the Kansas Legislature,

We write to you in support of the Kansas Board of Regents



March 18, 2019

Honorable Members of the Kansas Legislature,

We write to you in support of the Kansas Board of Regents funding request, which would add \$50 million in state support for state universities and \$27 million for Washburn University, community colleges and technical colleges

Our businesses need a skilled workforce to remain competitive and grow. Increasingly, we are struggling to find enough workers with the education and skillsets required for success in our industries. Difficulties in hiring qualified workers pose serious challenges for us in both the short and long term.

This talent shortage is a crisis nationally, and particularly in Kansas. We rely upon the universities, community colleges and technical colleges

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