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Kansas Senate Bill SB 247

To whom it may concern,

Great Plains Theatre, Inc. (GPT) fits all of the criteria outlined in the proposed bill.

GPT is a 501(c)(3) organization that creates its own work. GPT has professional full-time staff. GPT has a board of directors. GPT has, without question, a strong educational program in place. GPT has been serving the Central Kansas region for more than 25 years.

For a non-profit theatre company, any savings is important. The less GPT and other theaters have to pay in sales tax on purchases, the more money that is available to invest in the community. This investment will be in the form of additional staff and additional materials. Each staff member added increases the amount of money spent in the local community.

The performing arts are an important part of a community. This small amount of sales tax that will be saved across the state is a small investment in the continuation of live theatre in Kansas.

Great Plains Theater joins with other theater venues to support SB 247.

Sincerely,

Monte Dibben
Board Treasurer, Great Plains Theatre