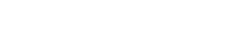
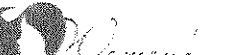
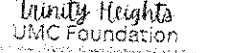
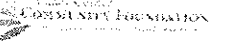
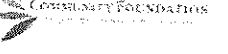
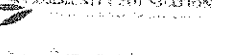
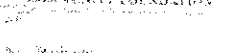
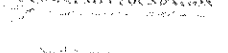
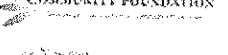
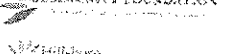
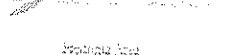
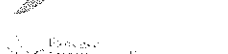
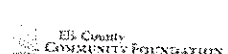
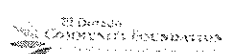
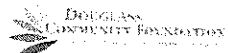
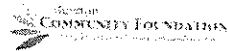




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RE: House Bill 2208

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Please accept this letter of support for Endow Kansas, HB 2208. My name is Angie Tatro, and I am the CEO of Central Kansas Community Foundation (CKCF). CKCF, based in Newton, Kansas, is the host foundation to 19 affiliate foundations in our service area that serve communities in the following counties: Harvey, Marion, Sedgwick, Butler, Elk, and Wilson. Please note our communities in the left margin.

Community Foundations across Kansas provide key services to charitably minded donors and our hard-working charities, with the ultimate benefit of improving the lives of the citizens of our great State. Our mission "Building Stronger Communities Through Charitable Giving" is not always an easy task to achieve. Our grants to causes that matter rely on the generosity of donations we receive. Tax benefits and other incentives are needed more often to engage donors in giving to charitable causes these days. Our ability to multiply benefits to individuals and families when they make charitable gifts has been demonstrated time and again to reap larger and repeat charitable investments in local causes in our service area. Endow Kansas could be an amazing tool in our rural areas.

In the 30 years of our foundation and my 16 years in community foundation leadership, I have witnessed the impact of our grants coming from unrestricted community funds. Their flexibility allows us to be responsive to community needs and trends. For instance, our ability to draw on unrestricted funds in times of health crisis (COVID-19) and disaster incidents (wind and flood) allowed us to grant immediately to those supporting our citizens. We are also able to respond to other community needs, some examples include helping fill the food bank when their other contributors lagged; buying a stove when the senior meal provider's broke down; providing speaker and counseling resources when tragedy struck; and supporting projects that provide quality living like park and recreation enhancements; and art and culture activities promoting our Kansas heritage. Community Foundations are the right partner for this Endow Kansas work.

Thank you for your consideration of Endow Kansas, House Bill 2208.


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