



February 5, 2025

Members of the House Committee on Taxation  
Kansas State Capitol  
Room 346-S  
Topeka, KS

RE: House Bill 2208

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of House Bill 2208. At the Wichita Foundation, we have seen firsthand the significance of unrestricted and field-of-interest funds in driving meaningful change across our community. These funds allow us to have flexible resources that enable us to respond quickly to emerging needs, invest in long-term solutions, and support projects that may not fit within traditional funding streams.

One example is our support for those impacted by the tragic collision of Flight 5342 from Wichita, Kansas (ICT) to Washington, D.C. (DCA). Thanks to unrestricted charitable dollars, we acted swiftly to activate ICT Together, a fund to aid impacted families and local responders when they need it most. The fund will adjust to meet the community's evolving challenges—whether by providing direct assistance, community support, or making sure resources are available to foster healing and resilience. This flexibility allows philanthropy to meet people where they are, addressing immediate and ever-changing needs.

Endow Kansas will strengthen charitable giving across the state, ensuring communities have the resources to address urgent and long-term challenges. We urge the legislature to pass this bill and empower local giving for generations to come.

Warm regards,

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President and CEO