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Blake Carpenter
Representative, 81st District

Honorable Steve Abrams,
Chair, Senate Education Committee
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Competitive sports have been around for centuries and have evolved with the times. I come to you today in support of SB 470 for I feel that it is the next great evolution in competitive sports. It allows for intercollegiate adaptive athletics to be played at our colleges in the state of Kansas. This opportunity will allow our citizenry to have active life styles and represent Kansas in a positive light as they compete across the United States. This could also lead them to competing in the Paralympics as their skills progress.

Representative Whipple and I started working on the idea of this legislation last year. We were confronted with issues such as how will we pay for this program. We came up with the ability for Kansans to donate to a grant that the Regents have control over. If a college wishes to have an adaptive athletics program on their campus they can simply apply for the grant to start a team.

Please join me in supporting SB 470.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Blake Carpenter', with a stylized, flowing script.

Representative Blake Carpenter
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