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Sen. Jacob LaTurner, chairman
Federal and State Affairs Committee
Kansas Senate

Sen. LaTurner:

Please accept this letter as my plea to better serve the people of Kansas through approval of SB 86.

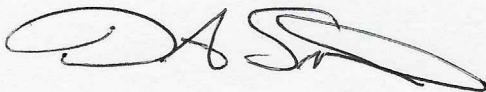
In addressing the cost per page of public records, SB 86 would make documents more accessible for all citizens.

Cases of governmental agencies charging unreasonable fees for people requesting public records only can be construed as a deliberate attempt to hide information.

Taxpayers already fund creation of the documents, so keeping any additional costs to obtain public records in check makes sense.

Enhancing transparency and making government more accessible to the people it serves aren't partisan issues. Please keep citizens' right to information about government operations as accessible as possible by approving SB 86.

Thank you for your consideration.



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