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To: House Education Committee

Re: Cerner in FAVOR of HB2183 Amendment

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is intended to document my support of the amended language to HB 2183, KS Computer Science Act. Representing an employer with a significant need for technical talent equipped to deliver our mission it is our intention to support legislation that achieves the following:

Recognize the good steps the KS State Department of Education has already taken to develop K-12 curriculum standards for computer science.

Eliminate systemic barriers for those interested in the pursuit of computer science by allowing qualified coursework to count towards academic credits in math or science.

Allow such credits to also be recognized in the college admissions process.

Ensure incorporation of quality computer science instruction within the state of KS, to be informed by a collaborative process between education and industry. In this rapidly changing field of work bridging the gap from K-12 through post-secondary to the workforce is critical.

We believe that access to computer science and a qualified workforce to deliver computer science coursework will continue to be a focus for the Department of Education but does not require legislated mandates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Hennes', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Anna Hennes

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