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TO: Rep. Sean Tarwater, Chairperson
Members, House Commerce Committee

FROM: Blake Schreck, President and CEO
Lenexa Chamber of Commerce

DATE: January 31, 2022

RE: **Support for Proposed APEX Program**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our support for the megaproject bill known as APEX – Attracting Powerful Economic Expansion.

In discussions with relocation consultants over the past few years and in observing how other states approach the location of massive development projects, it has become clear that to compete for projects of this scale Kansas needs a specific program dedicated to their attraction.

Projects of this size and scope don't come around very often, but when they do, having a program like APEX would enable Kansas to respond quickly and authoritatively and would allow us to compete with anyone.

A project that meets the specific parameters outlined in APEX, potentially providing billions of dollars in capital investment and thousands of jobs, would be transformational for our state should Kansas be the choice.

To make sure we are ready when that opportunity presents itself, we need the APEX program to ensure Kansas is at the table.

We strongly urge you to advance APEX favorably for passage and appreciate your consideration of our request.