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Subject: Support for Resolution 230385 - Declaring the City of Kansas City a Safe Haven for Gender-Affirming Healthcare
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Dear members of the Transportation, Infrastructure, and Operations Committee,

I writing to you in support of Resolution 230385 to make Kansas City a Sanctuary City / Safe Haven for Gender-Affirming Healthcare through the adoption of a Gender-Affirming Healthcare Policy. I have served the LGBTQIA community at the KC CARE Health Center located in Midtown Kansas City for 13 years and have experienced first-hand the life-changing and life-affirming effects that gender-affirming care can provide. Healthcare is a human right and should be allowed to take place between a patient and their healthcare provider free of stigma, politics, stress, and fear. Please consider the human aspect of health care and do what you can to ensure that those who want or need gender-affirming health care know that Kansas City supports them and that they can seek it and receive it safely.

Sincerely,
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