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Subject: Support of ordinance #230385 regarding transgender sanctuary city status
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Good afternoon,

I am writing in support of ordinance #230385 which would designate the City of Kansas City as a transgender care sanctuary city. As a resident of Missouri for the past 35 years and a resident of KCMO for the past 18, I am on the one hand ashamed of what is going on in my state legislature and yet on the other hand immensely proud of this step, which was brought forth by Mayor Lucas, Councilwoman Bough and Councilman Bunch.

This past January, after 41 very confusing and challenging years, I had an enlightenment during which I realized with absolute certainty that I am transgender. Since that time, I have begun receiving gender-affirming care through the State of Kansas - a state which although it does not yet have a bill identical to that which was imposed by AG Bailey here in Missouri - has spent just as much time, money, and energy stripping the rights of transgender people and aiming to erase them from society completely.

For any councilmember that is wondering what the purpose of this ordinance is besides everything that is written into it, I can tell you what its purpose is to me as a transgender person...it makes me feel safer, more appreciated, and more welcome in the city that I love and want to raise my daughter in. It will help instill this sense that we live on a blue island in a sea of red and that even though it does not necessarily safe gender-affirming care in Missouri, it gives us HOPE, which is all we need to exact change, so please...gives us this hope that we desperately need. We aren't just transgender people. We are some of the most creative, intelligent, loving, compassionate individuals you will ever meet and all we want is to be able to live our lives in peace and safety.

Thank you,

Andrea Marshall