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Transportation, Infrastructure, and Operations Committee Members,

I had hoped to testify in-person offering my support for Resolution # 230385, but my schedule prevents me from being able to do so.

Thank you to the sponsors of this Resolution for working to help create Kansas City a "Safe Haven" for individuals seeking gender-affirming healthcare.

As you are well aware, a number of respected, professional medical associations support the necessity of gender-affirming care, including, but not limited to the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Medical Association, American Nurses Association, Endocrine Society, etc.

As a pastor, my faith encourages me to work to make wide the warm welcome for everyone and to speak up and act when there are pressures to limit an embrace. The current ruling by Attorney General Bailey, which works to ban gender-affirming care for all transgender people of all ages in Missouri, goes against the advice of the nationally respected medical associations and limits the warm embrace of all people in Missouri.

The public, in general, and the church, in particular, cannot remain silent when the lives of trans and nonbinary individuals are subjected to public defamation.

Thank you for taking steps to encourage the rejection of the AG's actions.

Thank you for taking steps to throw open wide the safety and protection of individuals who are transgender in Kansas City.

While I am only one voice in the faith community and one citizen of Kansas City, I thank you for the good work you are doing to make Kansas City more inclusive and more just.

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