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Dear City Council and Mayor:

As Chair of the Kansas City Human Rights Commission, I want to fully support the Hate Crimes Ordinance that will be before the council tomorrow. The KCHRC had been exploring the idea of drafting and working on passage of Hate Crimes Ordinance. We sought out the LGBTQ Commission and learned they had already proposed such an Ordinance. The Chair of the LGBTQ Commission, Justice Horn, came to our last monthly meeting and provided an overview of the Ordinance now pending before the council. The KCHRC Commission fully supports and endorses the need for this Ordinance.

We have reviewed statistics provided by the Kansas City Police Department that demonstrate and document the need for such an Ordinance. Often, those that are attacked because of a bias are left with no redress. The federal guidelines on prosecuting hate crimes is a very high burden and most cases are not prosecuted. This tool of having a Hate Crimes Ordinance not only provides further protection but also provides a mechanism for redress for victims of hate crimes. The adoption of this ordinance is a great step for our Kansas City Community.

Respectfully,

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Chair of the Kansas City Human Rights Commission

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