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February 26, 2019

Senator Marci Francisco
Room 134-West, Kansas Statehouse
300 S.W. 10th Avenue
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Dear Senator Francisco,

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Representative Mike Amyx
Room 43-South, Kansas Statehouse
300 S.W. 10th Avenue
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Dear Representative Amyx,

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Representative Jim Karleskint
Room 512-North, Kansas Statehouse
300 S.W. 10th Avenue
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Dear Representative Karleskint,

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Senator Tom Holland
Room 134-East, Kansas Statehouse
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Representative Dennis Highberger
Room 174-West, Kansas Statehouse
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Representative Barbara W. Ballard
Room 451-South, Kansas Statehouse
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Senator Anthony Hensley
Room 318-East, Kansas Statehouse
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Representative Eileen Horn
Room 54-South, Kansas Statehouse
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Representative Kenneth Corbet
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