

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my support for the mural submission of Wayne Wildcat.

As a native Kansan and the daughter of Kansas educator and historian Richard B. Sheridan, I am interested in a historically accurate depiction of the important role Kansas played in advancing civil rights. My father was born in Emporia Kansas and spent decades of his life researching and writing on Kansas historical events. He taught me the importance of portraying history from many viewpoints and providing a comprehensive view of chronologies and influences of important milestones in our history. Wayne's painting shows a rich panorama of important historical events that preceded and followed this important Supreme Court decision. In event after event, from the Kansas Jayhawkers, John Brown, and many other courageous abolitionist efforts to William Allen White's fight against the Ku Klux Klan and President Eisenhower's actions to enforce desegregation, this painting, unlike any other submission, offers Kansans an opportunity to display their courage and leadership in the fight for civil rights.

This painting would provide a wonderful educational experience for the visitors to the state capital and would show the honorable and abundant contribution of Kansans to this important historical time.

Please share this letter with any committee members I have omitted.

Sincerely,
Margaret Sheridan
Electrical Engineer and Native Kansan

Capitol Preservation Committee
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