

March 13, 2019

The Honorable Molly Baumgardener, Chair  
Senate Education Committee  
Kansas Senate  
300 SW 10<sup>th</sup> St.  
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Senator Baumgardener and members of the Kansas Senate Education Committee,

I am writing in **support of HB 2168**, authorizing the state board of regents on behalf of Kansas State University to sell certain real property in Saline County— in this case the original campus gym. I am the Interim CEO of Kansas State University Polytechnic Campus in Salina and Interim Dean of the College of Technology and Aviation. In this role, I have an overall understanding of the fiscal impact created by maintaining the old gym, as well as the infrastructural needs of the campus to which this building does not significantly contribute.

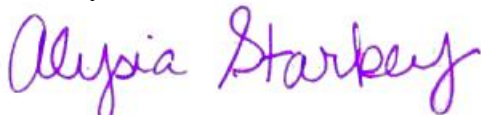
The original gym on the K-State Polytechnic Campus—last appraised at a value of \$250,000 in March of 2014—is no longer used by the campus. For the past ten years it has been used for only cold storage, although much of the equipment stored there is outdated, dilapidated and/or technologically obsolete and could be disposed of through proper University channels, or could be stored in more suitable options available elsewhere on campus.

The campus has been paying a monthly utility bill related to this building, and if given permission to sell the property, it would present a monetary savings of approximately \$2,500 per year, a much sought-after savings in these challenging fiscal times.

Allowing K-State to sell the old gym would have no adverse impacts on any other state agencies, and presents only beneficial scenarios for the K-State Polytechnic campus.

In summary, I submit my **support for HB 2168**, which, based on the fiscal and infrastructural benefits it offers, seems to be the most advantageous and responsible solution in this situation.

Sincerely,



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