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Dear Finance, Governance, and Public Safety Committee:

The Kansas City Public Library is home to many stories—stories that reflect the lives of people in our community and beyond. Stories of pain and stories of possibility. We recognize the importance of visibility and of having a chance to determine your own story. When a community has been marginalized, vilified, it is essential to actively counteract that erasure, that twisting of truth. We know that this has been part of the history of the LGBTQ community around the world and in our own city. By establishing the LGBTQ commission, our city declares its commitment to listening to the stories of its own citizens, of welcoming them to the table, of ensuring that the possible futures of the individuals in that community can be joyful, powerful, self-determined. Our city benefits when all of our citizens have a voice. The Library is proud to stand for the establishment of this commission.

Thank you for your consideration,

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