

*Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021*

*To: The Kansas City Committee for Legal Review*

*Subject: Resolution #210950*

Dear Mayor Pro Tem McManus and members of the committee,

The Kansas City Council's Committee for Legal Review is currently in the process of drafting Resolution #210950 which would establish the City of Kansas City's legislative priorities and positions on matters that may come before the 117th United States Congress in 2022. Today, I formally request that direct aid to the University of Missouri-Kansas City's Health and Wellness Center and Counseling Services Department be included in this year's legislative priorities to the 117th United States Congress. The University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) is Kansas City's university and we should actively work to provide additional mental health resources to the UMKC community who also call Kansas City home.

During my time at UMKC, I saw first hand the urgency behind this request. While serving as UMKC Student Body President, I wrote four statements for students who took their own lives; students who were in the system who tried to seek help, but couldn't because of budgetary constraints. UMKC and the graduates it produces are Kansas City citizens that deserve our unwavering support. The best way to support UMKC would be to officially advocate as a city for additional mental health funding to support, uplift, and serve the needs of the 17,000+ students who call UMKC and Kansas City home. I know you all lead with your hearts and I hope we can count on your support as a committee to add this important item to Ordinance #210950.

*Justice T. Horn*

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