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Hello,

Please find attached and copied below my testimony in support of Ordinance 21066.

Thank you.

Testimony Concerning Ordinance 210966, Declaration of Climate Emergency
Submitted by Ben Proffer
Tuesday, October 26, 2021

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Kansas City, Missouri,

I am writing in strong support of the ordinance to declare a state of climate emergency for the city of Kansas City, Missouri. As a commissioner for the Environmental Management Commission for the city, I have been privileged to work with many strong advocates and trailblazers who have steadfastly worked to incorporate both new processes and new

relationships that preserve our natural environment and educate the public about better ways of living and deeper connections to the natural world.

While this group of people is often both compassionate and stubborn; it is often, also, stubbornly small.

Less than a week away from COP 26 in Glasgow, Scotland, it is imperative that we confirm what every nation in the world is getting ready to do— acknowledge that this is an ecological and climate emergency, and that the entire population of the region, state, and country needs to prepare to follow the lead of our first responders to this climate crisis. These include scientists, journalists, community organizers, indigenous communities, and the businesses and individuals who are actively working to create systems that replenish the earth's resources and do so in a way that adds value to our communities, our relationships, and acknowledges and works to repair historic injustices.

I would only suggest one addition, to Section 3:

A mobilization plan, including recruitment of community leaders, industry leaders, faith leaders, nonprofit leaders, youth leaders, and rural ambassadors be completed no later than January 1, 2022. [or as soon as feasible].

We're dealing with some intensely complicated human systems here on Space Ship Earth. There are ways that we can repair our life support systems, and work together in ways that we never have previously— and there are people who are waiting to respond to that call— but without a robust communication plan to cut through the noise of a million competing messages, they will never hear it.

This is a proud moment in the life of our city, but it must only be the beginning. I am ready to help our people find deeper connection and balance, and peace; and I'm not alone.

Thank you for your service and leadership.

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