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Dear City Council Members,

The Mid-America LGBT Chamber of Commerce fully supports the proposed ordinance #200907, Establishment of an LGBTQ Commission for the City of Kansas City, Missouri. We encourage our City Council to vote yes to support the establishment of an LGBTQ Commission. The establishment of this commission to advise our City Council regarding issues affecting Kansas City's LGBTQ community is an important piece of ensuring the LGBTQ community is properly heard and represented within our city.

The establishment of this commission will enhance the economic opportunity for Kansas City's LGBTQ and allied businesses and their employees. It ensures a focus on enhanced health, safety, mobility, cultural and educational opportunities for the valuable citizens of our LGBTQ community. Kansas City has a history of being supportive of the LGBTQ community which includes the honor of being one of the first cities in the mid-west to pass a non-discrimination ordinance which protects sexual and gender identity. It is time to continue that legacy with the establishment of an LGBTQ advisory council.

Kansas City's LGBTQ community traverses every racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious community within our city and the passage of this ordinance will ensure their voices are represented. We are convinced the establishment of an LGBTQ Advisory Committee will serve to increase the inclusion and acceptance of Kansas City's LGBTQ community and help serve to highlight Kansas City as a progressive thriving city which consistently strives to become more just and equitable at every opportunity.

Sincerely,

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