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To whom it may concern

Kansas City tree canopy cover is currently at 31%, about half of what the potential canopy could be for the city, and facing significant risk from a variety of factors. Trees in Kansas City's urban core remain under threat, with more than 10% of our urban forest lost to the emerald ash borer (we treat our 100' ash tree every 2 years) and 60% of our forest deemed in fair to poor condition, according to the Urban Forest Master Plan.

As climate change becomes a greater issue for Kansas City, more has to be done to protect residents and businesses from excessive heat, rainfall, and air pollution. Trees are a natural resource which not only help to address these challenges, but also contribute to street safety and comfort for people who walk, bike, roll, and use transit.

I support Ordinance 220961 to help save our urban forest and ameliorate climate change.

Sincerely,
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