

Dear Kansas Law Makers,

As the school class sponsors for the Uniontown District 235 Class of 2026, we support lengthening the number of days available for the sale of fireworks in Kansas. Last summer, our class decided to look into fundraising by being in charge of a fireworks stand. We agreed to operate the large Jake's tent in Fort Scott. Our students and parents signed up and took turns having someone in the tent at all times from delivery day to pick up on the 5<sup>th</sup>. After all the end-of-season checks had been cleared and passed, our class had raised over \$15k for our class.

Here in Kansas as you are aware, according to the State Fire Marshal statute 22-6-5 it states, "A seasonal retailer shall not sell fireworks, except during the fireworks season. The fireworks season shall be the period beginning on June 27 and ending on July 5 of each calendar year." We would be in support of, and are asking you to consider lengthening those days and adding any additional fireworks season days to the calendar as it would greatly impact the monies raised to help schools and organizations like ours.

When thinking about how the additional days can impact not only our schools but also the state as well. Because of our location so close to Missouri, we definitely lost some sales due to their lawful days to sell fireworks being longer. Listed below are the legal days for our neighboring states; we have included Texas, also being so close to the the SW counties:

Missouri- June 20-July 10, and also December 20-January 2

Nebraska- June 24-July 5, and also December 28 – January 1

Colorado- June 15<sup>th</sup>- July 4<sup>th</sup> and also

Oklahoma- June 15- July 6 and also December 15-January 2

Texas- June 24<sup>th</sup>- July 4 and December 20<sup>th</sup>—January 1. Texas also allows for five special holidays throughout the year, one of them being Memorial Day.

The fireworks industry is large and popular in our state. We strongly encourage you to consider making their season longer around the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday and possibly adding a few days for the New Year's Eve season as well. We understand this would be more work for us as a small group, but we feel like the increased sales, profits, and taxes would be worth it for the state as a whole.

Respectfully Submitted

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Uniontown Class of 2026 Sponsors

