



**Proponent Testimony to the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senate Bill No. 552
Dr. JuliAnn Mazachek, President
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Chairman Billinger, Vice-Chairman Claeys, Ranking Member Petty and members of the Committee. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of Senate Bill 552.

We are grateful that the Kansas Campus Restoration Act includes Washburn Tech and Washburn University. The funding will be beneficial as we work to keep our campuses maintained.

Across three campuses totaling 216 acres, 43 buildings, and 1.8 million square feet of building space, Washburn Tech and Washburn University are situated in the middle of Topeka. Our Facility professionals work hard to keep ahead of deferred maintenance through careful planning and upkeep. The Kansas Campus Restoration Act's proposed funds will support these ongoing initiatives.

I do ask for a small change to the bill. SB 552 definition of a technical college does not include Washburn Tech. An attached balloon amendment with the necessary adjustment is added to my testimony.

Thank you for including Washburn Tech and Washburn University in the Kansas Campus Restoration Act.