



Written Testimony in Support of Special Session 2024 STAR Bonds Proposal

Kansas City Kansas Chamber of Commerce

Joint Committee on Commerce

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The mission of the Kansas City Kansas Chamber of Commerce is to advance, advocate and aid in maintaining a sustainable pro-business environment in Wyandotte County. The KCK Chamber of Commerce proudly represents over 450 members from across the metro and advocates for pro-business legislation on behalf of our membership.

The KCK Chamber stands in strong support of the proposed STAR Bonds bill you are considering during the Special Session of 2024, creating an economic incentive package to bring a professional sports franchise to the state of Kansas, at no additional cost to Kansas taxpayers.

STAR Bonds have become an important economic development tool for cities all across the state of Kansas. Nowhere has this been more evident than in the KCK community and Wyandotte County. Similar STAR Bond projects – the Kansas Speedway and Children’s Mercy Park - have resulted in remarkable development that has benefited our region and the State of Kansas as a whole. We believe with the passage of this proposed legislation pertaining to STAR Bonds, similar expansive development could be spurred to further benefit our state.

For these reasons, the Kansas City Kansas Chamber of Commerce urges the Committee to favorably advance the bill before you today pertaining to STAR Bonds.

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