

June 30, 2020

The Honorable Richard Billinger  
Chair, Joint Committee on State Building Construction  
P.O. Box 594  
Goodland, KS 67735

Dear Senator Billinger:

In the 2019 Kansas Legislative Session, Senate Bill 25 was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. This legislation authorized Kansas State University Polytechnic to sell property, which is referred to as the Old Gym, situated on 5.04 acres on the campus in Salina, Kansas. Unfortunately, the legislation incorrectly described a separate property, and, consequently, the University was without legislative authorization to complete the sale.

To remedy this, authorization to sell the correct property was included in House Bill 2501, which was passed at Sine Die of the 2020 Kansas Legislature. The Governor vetoed the bill due to other provisions that are unrelated to this matter.

As this property sale is time-sensitive for a business expansion project in Salina, the University is pursuing authorization for sale of the Old Gym property through the State Surplus Property Program, K.S.A. 75-6609. It should be noted that before the error in the original legislation was discovered, the University had already taken steps to sell the Old Gym property per the original statutory authorization, including advertising the sale in the Kansas Register, obtaining sealed bids, and selecting a successful bidder. The correct legal description for the Old Gym property was included in the advertisements. The University is requesting that the Committee consider these previous steps as satisfying the requirements of K.S.A. 75-6609.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 75-6609, we are submitting this letter to you and members of the Joint Committee on State Building Construction of the University's intent to seek State Finance Council approval for sale of the Old Gym and 5.04 acres on the K-State Polytechnic campus to the previously selected bidder.

Thank you,



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President

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