## Kansas City Current Team President, Raven Jemison March 5, 2024

On behalf of the Kansas City Current, we thank you for the opportunity to share this written letter of support with you today. We thank Senator Dinah Sykes and everyone who has been supportive of this effort to include the KC Current in this bill. We have been thrilled with the level of enthusiasm for this team from the broader community and supporters, and this commemorative license plate project is one more example of the connection our community finds with this team.

The Kansas City Current was founded in December 2020 and is led by the ownership group of Angie Long, Chris Long, Brittany Mahomes and Patrick Mahomes. The team competes in the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL), which is the top women's professional soccer league in the United States.

The team has played its first three seasons between Legends Field and Children's Mercy Park in Kansas City, Kansas. Our fanbase of supporters stretches throughout Kansas, Missouri and includes states all around the country as well as internationally.

As you may know, the KC Current will play their first game of the new season on Saturday, March 16, when we open CPKC Stadium, the first soccer stadium purpose-built for a professional women's team. We are thrilled to not only provide this new venue for our world-class players, but for the community as a beneficial community asset for other events and programs as well. In all aspects of the fan experience, CPKC Stadium will have a focus on inclusivity and sustainability, providing an entertaining and modern atmosphere for passionate and loyal fans.

The KC Current has an unwavering commitment to become the best women's football club in the world, both on and off the pitch. We invest heavily in our communities and recently announced a groundbreaking partnership with the United Way of Greater Kansas City which is the team's Official Charity Partner. This alliance capitalizes on United Way's proven and trusted track record and allows the Kansas City Current to further their community engagement efforts. The United Way of Greater Kansas City supports more than 600 local non-profits, providing a world of opportunities for improving health, enhancing educational opportunity, and empowering economic mobility for the one in three Kansas Citians who rely on United Way's support each year.