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House Speaker Dan Hawkins, Senate Majority Leader Chase Blasi, Senate Vice President Tim Shallenburger, Senate Minority Leader Dinah Sykes, House Speaker Pro Tem Blake Carpenter, House Majority Leader Chris Croft, House Minority Leader Brandon Woodard

**Re: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF PROFESSIONAL SPORTS STAR
BOND PROGRAM**

Dear Senate President Masterson,

On behalf of our organization, we want to thank you again for your leadership in enacting the landmark economic development legislation passed last year to expand Kansas's STAR Bond program. Your vision opened the door to a transformational opportunity—not only for the State of Kansas but for our organization as well. Together, we have the opportunity to bring the National Football League (NFL) to Kansas, anchored by a world-class domed stadium, new team headquarters, a state-of-the-art practice facility, and a vibrant mixed-use and entertainment district.

We are excited about the potential for this project, which would represent the largest economic development initiative in the State's history. Just as important, the presence of an NFL franchise in the State will serve as a powerful engine for immediate and long term-growth—driving national attention, sustained tourism, and billions more in private development across the State.

We believe the foundation is in place for something truly historic—not only for our team but for the future of the State's economy and national profile. The possibilities for job creation, tourism, long-term tax revenue, and regional pride are unparalleled, and this project has the potential to reshape the State's economic trajectory for decades to come.

Since the passage of the expanded legislation, we've worked closely with the administration to bring this vision to life. In that time, we have made significant progress on the core deal components, including the stadium, headquarters, practice facility, and surrounding development. At the same time, the complexity and scale of the project—and the importance of crafting a structure that works for all stakeholders—make it clear that more time is needed to bring the effort to full fruition.

Under the expanded STAR Bond legislation that was approved last July, the Secretary of Commerce is authorized to enter into an agreement with a professional sports franchise and establish an associated STAR Bond district, with the approval of the Legislative Coordinating Council (“LCC”). That authority, however, expires on June 30, 2025, unless extended by the LCC. We respectfully request that the LCC exercise its authority to grant an extension so that discussions and due diligence can continue on a timeline that reflects the scale and significance of the opportunity.

We remain fully committed to this opportunity and have invested substantial time and resources into moving the project further. We have engaged in multiple rounds of detailed proposals and revisions with the administration. We have had no response to our last proposal from the administration for six weeks, though we recognize the many demands of State leadership and remain optimistic about where advanced discussion could lead. Extending the Secretary's authority will allow that process to continue productively and will preserve Kansas's ability to secure the most significant economic development initiative in its history.

We are grateful for your continued leadership and support. We believe this project could mark the start of a defining new chapter for both Kansas and the Chiefs, and we look forward to continuing to explore that potential together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Donovan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Donovan" clearly distinguishable.

Mark Donovan, President
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