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Secretary Betsy DeVos
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Secretary DeVos:

This letter is in support of the Kansas Perkins V State Plan for Career Technical Education. The Plan reinforces the vision for Kansas CTE: An innovative system that provides premier technical education, prepares students for careers of the future and promotes the growth and success of Kansans.

The Plan engages workforce partners and employers; promotes high-quality, affordable and accessible CTE for all learners; integrates academics with technical training; increases focus and awareness of careers in CTE; and further aligns secondary and postsecondary programs. By stressing the importance of the comprehensive local needs assessment and continuous stakeholder consultation, the Plan emphasizes work-based learning and equitable access.

The Kansas Perkins V State Plan builds upon the existing state and local CTE initiatives in dual enrollment and low-cost degree and apprenticeship programs, such as Kansas' "Excel in CTE Initiative," and creates new opportunities for collaboration and innovation.

My signature below indicates approval and endorsement of the Kansas Perkins V State Plan for Career Technical Education.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Kelly", with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Laura Kelly
Governor of Kansas