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Sincerely,



Michael Dever
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January 27, 2009

Representative Tom Sloan
300 SW 10th Avenue
Topeka, KS 66612-1504

RE: Governor Sebelius Proposed 2009 Budget

Dear Representative Sloan:

I am writing on behalf of the Lawrence City Commission to urge you to vote against provisions of the Governor's proposed budget that eliminate or reduce payments to cities. The cuts, if adopted as proposed, will have a tremendous negative impact on our community.

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The table below summarizes the potential impact to the City of Lawrence 2009 budget by fund.

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General Fund	297,114	146,805	443,919
Special Alcohol Fund	297,114		297,114
Special Recreation Fund	297,114		297,114
Bond & Interest Fund		69,173	69,173
Recreation Fund		4,768	4,768
Library Fund		32,179	32,179
			\$ 1,144,267



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These revenues, particularly the liquor tax, support funding to outside agencies providing human services to Lawrence residents, including, but not limited to the following:

- Ballard Community Center
- Boys and Girls Club
- Douglas County CASA, Inc.
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