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I have the pleasure of serving as the President and CEO of Sporting Kansas City. In our twenty-five years as a Major League Soccer team, we are proud to have won two MLS Cup championships and four Lamar Hunt US Open Cups, but even more proud to call Kansas home as the state's only professional sport team.

I appreciate the opportunity today to share some thoughts on this important legislation. I have come to learn the challenges you face as policymakers regarding this issue, and we sincerely appreciate your willingness to work with Sporting Kansas City throughout the process.

Mr. Chairman, we appreciate the forward thinking as it relates to this bill and would like to acknowledge the positive impact this will have on our organization and the ability to operate successfully in the State of Kansas. This will allow us to stay at the forefront in Major League Soccer and drive additional value back to the state. We fully support the bill moving forward.

Again, I appreciate your willingness to work with us Chairman, and for the opportunity to share our thoughts with everyone today. I regret I could not be there in person this morning, but our consultants John Federico and Stephen Duerst will be available to provide you with any additional information that might be helpful. Thank you.

Jake Reid

President & CEO

Sporting Kansas City

