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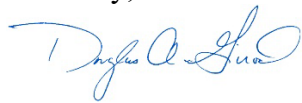
Students, colleagues and partners:

On behalf of the University of Kansas, I write this letter to announce our continued commitment as a sponsoring member of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Action Collaborative on Preventing Sexual Harassment in Higher Education. The University of Kansas is honored to be a member of this initiative, which brings together leaders from academic institutions and key stakeholders to address sexual harassment across all disciplines and fields within higher education. The National Academies are uniquely positioned to steward collaboration on the topic of sexual harassment, and I applaud them for the work completed in the 2019-2023 cycle and look forward to their progress in the 2023-2027 cycle.

The University of Kansas continues to review how we address sexual harassment and there is still work to be done. At KU, we will not settle for doing the minimum required by law. Rather, we strive to be a leader in how universities address sexual harassment and will continue working to ensure our university is welcoming, inviting and inclusive. We share the Action Collaborative's desire to advance research on sexual harassment prevention and to gather and to apply research results across all KU campuses. Addressing sexual harassment is central to KU's entire mission statement as we will employ the information gained with the Action Collaborative to build healthy communities.

We are proud to be part of the Action Collaborative, and we look forward to the partnerships and actionable outcomes that will undoubtedly emerge from the process. In the meantime, I call on all members of the University of Kansas community to continue our important work to address sexual harassment.

Sincerely,



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