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Mr. Brown and Mr. Delaney,

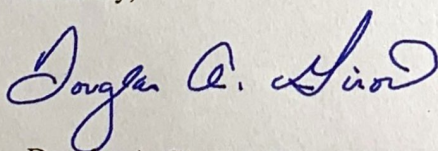
Thank you for your note regarding our building demolition process. We appreciate your suggestions and the opportunity to engage in additional discussion on this topic. Any notion that we did not comply with state laws and procedures around this process is false.

We publicly declared our intentions at the Kansas Board of Regents and received approval to move forward with demolition of the Facilities Administration building in November 2019. That decision received coverage in the Lawrence Journal-World at the time. We then fully complied with the process outlined in KSA 75-2724 before undertaking any demolition work on the building.

- In November 2020, KU sought the required permission from the State Historic Preservation Office to raze the facility.
- In December 2020, SHPO denied our request. Following that, in February 2021, KU requested that the Governor approve the razing of the facility in accordance with the process outlined in state law.
- KU received that permission from the Governor in December 2021.
- In June 2022, we notified SHPO by certified mail, providing them the required five-day notice that we intended to move forward with demolition. This process allows for anyone aggrieved by this action to seek remedy through the courts. No such action occurred in this case.

We don't take decisions to demolish buildings lightly. As we do in each case, we weighed and considered all available alternatives before proceeding with demolition. As you are aware, the university has a limited amount of resources available to devote to maintaining our university facilities. Taking a broad view of the entire historic district, these decisions enable us to continue our longstanding practice of investing in, preserving, and maintaining our most historic buildings to ensure they will last for generations to come.

Sincerely,



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Chancellor