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# Fort Hays State University

Office of the President

600 Park Street

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August 23, 1990

Senator Robert J. Dole  
141 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Bob:

I wanted another opportunity to communicate with you again after the newspaper interest in the Physical Sciences building had subsided. You need to be congratulated again and assured that the general public in western Kansas is extremely supportive and proud of your efforts on behalf of our new facility. The Daily News' interest, I believe, can be attributed to the fact that both the reporter and the editor are leaving and wanted to take some final "parting shots." Neither has been a real friend of the university.

I hope that you had an opportunity to see my letter to the editor. I have received over a dozen pieces of supportive correspondence and not one negative comment. The Kansas Board of Regents, the Fort Hays State University family, and the taxpayers in the State of Kansas are not naive and truly do understand and appreciate your hard work.

In closing, let me also assure you that your staff did fax to my office a copy of your letter to the editor for review. I was not available at the time, so my secretary sent it to the Chairman of the Biology Department to check the dates and the other facts. I consequently talked with Kathy on the phone and thereby assume full responsibility for not picking out the potential problem of the now famous "fire safety code" problem. I hope this error on our part did not cause any substantial problems. Kathy has been very helpful and highly professional throughout our dealings on the project. You are very fortunate to have staff that is so committed. Future science students will be indebted to her enthusiasm and commitment to this exciting venture.

Best wishes for a very enjoyable and successful conclusion to your summer vacation break. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely yours,



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