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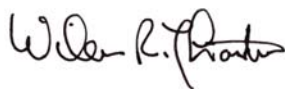
To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing today to express my support and appreciation for the commitment and collaborative spirit evidenced towards this project by the citizens and leadership of Harvey County and Newton. This effort to establish the Kansas Logistics Park seems to have broad-based support that encompasses not just the leadership of the community but also private industry, the educational community and individual residents. It is truly admirable to see this sort of collaboration in support of an opportunity that offers to strengthen the community's economic future at a time when economic conditions make it difficult for so many to look to the future.

Kansas is well-situated to become a major player and is indeed already benefitting from opportunities in this industry. We believe that major projects like the Siemens facility in Hutchinson and the recently announced Tindall facility right here in this community are the first of what will be many significant opportunities for Kansas and Kansas communities. These are the very opportunities that the Kansas Logistics Park can both support and benefit from as alternative energy, particularly wind energy become more and more a part of our energy mix.

This area has a number of advantages that lead to bright possibilities for this logistics park: location, transportation infrastructure and logistics, a quality workforce and perhaps most importantly, a commitment to work together to make things happen. We applaud you for your efforts and celebrate with you in this major step for this initiative.

Sincerely,



William R. Thornton
Secretary