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BOARD OF REGENTS RESPONDS TO GOVERNOR'S STATE UNIVERSITY DEFERRED MAINTENANCE FUNDING PLAN

(TOPEKA) – Today Reginald L. Robinson, President and CEO of the Kansas Board of Regents, issued the following statement in response to Governor Kathleen Sebelius' proposal to address the \$727 million deferred building maintenance backlog on the state's six state university campuses:

"Today the Governor has put on the table a serious, creative, and comprehensive proposal for addressing the challenging maintenance issues currently confronting our state university campuses. This proposal clearly reflects an impressive commitment to addressing a critically important problem and we certainly applaud that dedication and leadership.

While we await additional details regarding the Governor's proposal, it is clear that this plan represents a powerfully positive starting point. And, we are especially pleased that the Governor has invited us to share any suggestions that we might have regarding this funding effort.

We look forward to closely studying the details of what she has proposed and will continue to engage with the Governor and the Legislature as we move towards a final resolution on this vital issue. We certainly express our thanks to the Governor for her continued commitment to our state's universities."

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