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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Chamber Supports Reigniting the Local Economy

WICHITA, KS – The Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce has forwarded a letter of support to the Sedgwick County Commission for reopening and reigniting the regional economy. Encouraged by recent discussions held with County leadership and Kansas Governor Laura Kelly, the Chamber is committed to moving the economy forward and supports easing current personal and business restrictions.

The Chamber's letter of support encouraged County Commissioners to ensure the data used for policy decisions is contextual and continues to be shared in a transparent manner. Since additional testing will inevitably increase the total number of positive cases being reported in the coming weeks, the Chamber leadership has suggested that the County evaluate the rate of cases in Sedgwick County rather than focusing solely on the total number of cases.

Hospital utilization is also a crucial data point for COVID-19 response and policymakers should continue to consult with the healthcare industry as their leadership monitors and reports daily on cases and recoveries. Area business leaders recognize and commend the commitment of local healthcare providers to care for area residents during these difficult times.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has devastated the lives and livelihoods of many in our region, the Chamber is committed to working with area partners to restore and reignite the economy while encouraging area businesses to diligently mitigate the spread of COVID-19 as restrictions are eased.

Chamber Chair Junetta Everett said, "It's imperative to restore our economy and provide businesses the opportunity to safely re-employ those who have been made jobless by the current situation. This effort is our organization's number one priority. We support a measured and responsible approach to easing restrictions and we are dedicated to reigniting our economy."

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