

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2504

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FY 2023 Regional Technology and Innovation Hub Program – Phase 2
U.S. Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration

RE: EDA-TECHHUBSPACE2-2023-CFDA11.039, Regional Technology and Innovation Hub

Dear Members of the Review Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Kansas City Inclusive Biologics and Biomanufacturing Tech Hub (KC BioHub) in its application for funding from Phase II of the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Tech Hubs program. As a member of the House Committee on Agriculture, I am concerned with ensuring the domestic development of the supply chain for animal health. Food Security is National Security, and the KC BioHub would aid the United States in onshoring a vital supply chain.

The challenges posed by the COVID-19 Pandemic and the subsequent disruption of global supply chains underscore the vulnerability of relying on foreign entities for essential components of American health and security. KC BioHub, with its strategic concentration of vaccine and biologics companies, aspires to establish itself as a world-leading developmental region for pioneering medical breakthroughs and advanced medical infrastructure.

I urge you to carefully consider the KC BioHub application, ensuring adherence to all applicable laws and regulations. By supporting this initiative, we contribute not only to the local economy but also to the broader goal of bolstering the nation's health security.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Mark Alford
United States Congressman