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Kansas House Bill HB2709

Great Plains Theater, Inc (GPT) fits all of the criteria outlined in the proposed bill.

GPT is a 501(c)(3) organization that creates its own work. GPT has professional full time staff. GPT has a board of directors. GPT has, without question, a strong educational program in place. GPT has been serving the Central Kansas region for more than 25 years.

For a non-profit theater company, any savings is important. The less GPT and other theaters have to pay in sales tax on purchases, the more money that is available to invest in the community. This investment will be in the form of additional staff and additional materials. Each staff member added increases the amount of money spent in the local community.

The performing arts are an important part of a community. This small amount of sales tax that will be saved across the state is a small investment in the continuation of live theater in Kansas.

Great Plains Theater joins with other theater venues to support HB2709.

Sincerely,

Monte Dibben
Board President, Great Plains Theater.