

February 8, 2021

Kansas Legislature
300 SW 10th Street
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Kansas House Transportation Committee,

I am submitting this testimony in support of House Bill 2194 that supports the passage of legislation for an Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated License Plate for the State of Kansas. I am currently a member of the Alpha Iota Omega Chapter in Topeka, Kansas, and I am an Assistant Professor at the University of Kansas.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA) is a prestigious organization that supports the scholarship and community development of women nationally and internationally. There are currently over 300,000 members in this organization. One core component of AKA is public service and civic engagement. Many of our members have actively contributed to the growth and stability of the State of Kansas by supporting the economy, and by offering scholarships and mentorship opportunities to youth in the area. As a member of AKA, I have found the focus on education and the arts to be an important part of my work and advocacy as an educator. I have been in the field of education for more than ten years. Investing in our youth and children is a critical contribution that AKA is making to strengthening this state, this country, and this world.

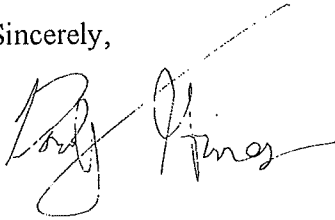
AKA has made great contributions to the social welfare, global impact, and diversity of the State of Kansas. Our undergraduate chapters greatly contribute to the academic learning space at the state's universities, often serve as role models on campus, and promote high academic standards and scholarship for women. At the graduate level, our chapter members are heavily involved in Kansas by providing community support including: Breast Cancer awareness, heart health and wellness, financial literacy, and other programs that support the community.

I was born and raised in North Carolina where we are the first in flight. Today, the House Transportation Committee has the opportunity to be among the first twenty states in the nation who have passed legislation for an Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated License Plate.

You now have the opportunity to contribute to our growing legacy of supporting women, residents of the State of Kansas, and members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated by passing HB 2194.

Thank you for consideration of my testimony during your deliberations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dorothy Hines". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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