

U.S. House of Representatives
Rep. Sharice L. Davids
Kansas Third District

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

RE: EDA-TECHHUBSPHASE2-2023 – CFDA11.039, Regional Technology and Innovation Hub

February 16, 2024

Dear Members of the Review Committee,

As the United States House Representative for the Third District of Kansas, I respectfully request full and fair consideration of Kansas City Inclusive Biologics and Biomanufacturing Tech Hub's (KC BioHub) FY 2023 Regional Technology and Innovation Hub Phase two application.

The success of the KC BioHub during Phase one, as one of the 31 designated Tech Hub Regions, demonstrates the significant potential this initiative holds for advancing biologics and biomanufacturing in the region I represent. Additionally, KC BioHub's goals are well-aligned with the objectives set forth in the CHIPS and Science Act. KC BioHub would support the creation of an equitable biologics innovation ecosystem, the development of a competent and skilled workforce, and the expansion of domestic biologic vaccine manufacturing capabilities. Notably, this proposal is aimed at strengthening our national security around vaccine and biologics production.

Given Kansas's role in the Animal Health Corridor and the importance of these industries to the communities I represent, I am committed to supporting the local life sciences, biologics and biomanufacturing industry, and research assets in the region. To that end, the KC BioHub is aimed at generating economic development, promoting innovation, and enhancing national competitiveness.

I kindly request that you give full and fair consideration to KC BioHub's application. Should you have further questions, please contact Patrick Hampton in my office at patrick.hampton@mail.house.gov or 913-621-0832.

Sincerely,



Sharice L. Davids
Member of Congress