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On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital  
Construction

Measure: HB5201

I would be in favor of this for many reasons. They are as follows:

1. Accessibility for teams in SK to play games. Many games are moved from our own facilities due to our own facilities being non-playable.
  - a. This comes at a cost of students missing more class time due to travel and the rise of cost for the school (district) to pay for travel to other places in the state.
2. The lack of accessibility for SK teams to practice on a regular basis, which many schools around the state at multiple levels have.
  - a. This causes an unfair advantage for our students here in SK. Teams try to use whatever space they can, like a football field or a gym, but the experience is not the same. The gap from SK and the rest of the state continues to grow with a lack of accessibility.
3. To give youth programs a place to grow the sport and to get kids, k-12 into sports overall.
  - a. Statistics show that students, at all ages are far more likely to succeed overall when they are involved in a sport or activities.