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Students, colleagues and partners:

On behalf of the University of Kansas, I write this letter to announce as a sponsoring member of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's new Action Collaborative on Preventing Sexual Harassment in Higher Education. The National Academies are uniquely positioned to steward collaboration on the topic of sexual harassment, and I applaud them for undertaking this important initiative.

In recent years, the University of Kansas has made tremendous progress in how we address sexual harassment — but there is still much work to be done. At KU, we will not settle for doing the minimum required by law. Rather, we strive to be a leader in how universities address sexual harassment and will continue working to ensure our university is welcoming, inviting and inclusive. This new Action Collaborative will empower us to continue our efforts by convening academic leaders and stakeholders to share best practices and strategies. More specifically, this collaboration will enable KU and our peers to work toward targeted action that goes beyond basic legal compliance and facilitates evidence-based policies and practices for addressing sexual harassment.

We are proud to be part of the Action Collaborative, and we look forward to the partnerships and actionable outcomes that will undoubtedly emerge from the process. In the meantime, I call on all members of the University of Kansas community to continue our important work to address sexual harassment.

Sincerely,

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