

Testimony of Gregory L. Schneider
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Committee,

I am testifying on HB 2600, authorizing that state allow the sale of the Earl Center, a building donated to Emporia State University in 2000 by the Earl Sauder Company. A former medical building about four blocks from the main campus, the Earl Center housed The Jones Center for Educational Excellence (which returned to campus in the summer of 2020) and houses the departments of counselor education and rehabilitation, which will be returning to the main campus as well after this academic year. The Sauder family, a distinguished Emporia family who is one of the largest donors to Emporia, have blessed the building's sale.

The building is located four blocks west of the university at 1600 State Street, across the street from Hammond Park, in Emporia. The desire to fulfill requirements about space has allowed the Earl Center to be redundant to the institutional mission. We respectfully ask for your endorsement of the sale of the Earl Center.

Greg Schneider