



August 26, 2021

The Honorable Michael L. Parson
Governor State of Missouri
Missouri State Capitol
201 W. Capitol Avenue, Room 216
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Governor Parson:

The Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce (KC Chamber), representing approximately 2,000 business in the greater Kansas City area, requests an extension of Missouri's emergency declaration and the health care waivers related to the COVID-19 pandemic that are due to expire on August 31, 2021.

The KC Chamber thanks you for the actions you have taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The emergency declarations and waivers have been successful in allowing flexibility for the state's healthcare providers in providing critical resources as we combat the coronavirus. As our hospitals, nursing homes and other health care providers across the region and state combat this latest spike in COVID-19 cases, the KC Chamber asks that you consider their needs and the needs of their patients in extending the emergency declaration and health care waivers.

By continuing these waivers and the emergency declaration, Missouri will be able to stay nimble and prepared to combat this latest spike in COVID-19 cases as well as any future spikes in cases our state may see.

The KC Chamber thanks you for your continued leadership and steadfast support of the Kansas City business community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JR'.

Joe Reardon
President & CEO
The Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce