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**PRESS RELEASE**

**JACKSON COUNTY SPORTS COMPLEX AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN FOSTER RESPONSE TO  
JACKSON COUNTY LEGISLATURE CHAIRMAN ABARCA**

Kansas City, MO January 20, 2026 – “We appreciate Legislator Abarca’s thoughtful letter and share his commitment to protecting the interests of Jackson County taxpayers and ensuring a sustainable future for the Truman Sports Complex. We recognize the valid concerns raised regarding potential demolition costs, strategic planning, and the economic implications of any team departures. As stewards of the county’s sports assets, the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority is dedicated to collaborative efforts that prioritize long-term viability and community benefit.

That said, our operations are governed by the existing lease agreements with the teams, which clearly outline the disbursement of Repair, Maintenance, Management, and Operations (RMMO) funds. These agreements require us to allocate and reimburse funds in accordance with their specified terms, without unilateral withholding. We will continue to adhere strictly to these contractual obligations while exploring all appropriate avenues to address the county’s broader planning needs in partnership with relevant stakeholders.”

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Foster".

Shawn Foster  
Jackson County Sports Complex Authority  
Chairman