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## Carlin has worked to protect KSU funding, ensure quality education

To the Editor:

We would like to urge voters in the 66th District to vote for the re-election of Sydney Carlin to the Kansas House of Representatives.

As retired educators, we support her candidacy because she is good for Manhattan and good for the Kansas system of public education. Sydney is concerned not only with higher education, but with public education as well.

Higher education is a major priority in today's society because we are living in a knowledge-based economy.

As a member of the Higher Education Committee, Sydney has worked unceasingly for KSU. She worked the floor of the House this last legislative session to make certain bills deleting \$5 million from KSU's operating expenditures, \$2.2 million from KSU Extension Service and \$500,000 from the KSU Vet Med Center did not become law. She also has worked for expanded student loan programs and enhanced student health plans. In 2003, Sydney participated in the development of a plan for the bioscience industry. This brought high-paying, highly technical jobs to KSU in the plant and animal science research and development areas.

Public education today must include more than learning the three R's; it must teach every child the skills necessary to succeed in today's world. Sydney has worked for the establishment of early childhood programs, voluntary consolidation of districts to improve local education and a three-year school finance plan that will increase base state

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aid per pupil without raising property taxes.

Her continued presence in the Legislature will ensure that we have a strong supporter of KSU, whose future is so vital to Manhattan and to the state of Kansas.

Additionally, she is a strong advocate for public education. It is trite but quite true that education is the future of Kansas. Please give Sydney and the Kansas education system your vote on Nov. 7.

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