

**Bioscience Industry 2009 Legislative Survey:**

1. Name:

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2. What is the office seat you are running for and in what district is that seat?

Representative, #106

3. FEDERAL RESEARCH INITIATIVES - Do you support recruiting large-scale federal research initiatives to Kansas, such as the National Bio and Agro Defense Facility which several state stakeholders are currently trying to recruit to Manhattan, Kansas? If yes, how involved should the Kansas legislature be in these recruitment efforts? Do you feel the state of Kansas has assembled the right kind of coalition to go after projects of this magnitude?

I have been and will continue to support federal research initiatives for Kansas in Kansas. Recognizing the economic benefits of growing our research base it is important that the legislature support these initiatives in any way possible. It needs to be a team effort.

4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - At what level of funding do you support the following state-funded economic development agencies, programs and incentives?

	Increase Funding	Maintain Funding	Decrease Funding	Eliminate Funding
Kansas Bioscience Authority (KBA)	<b>Selected</b>	<b>Selected</b>	-	-
Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation (KTEC)	-	<b>Selected</b>	-	-
Angel Investor Tax Credits	-	<b>Selected</b>	-	-
Research & Development Tax Credits	-	<b>Selected</b>	-	-
Business Machinery & Equipment Tax Credits	-	<b>Selected</b>	-	-
High Performance Incentive Program (HPIP) Investment Tax Credits	-	<b>Selected</b>	-	-
HPIP Training & Education Tax Credits	-	<b>Selected</b>	-	-

5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Using your answers to the economic development funding question above as a guide, please explain your rationale for either increasing, maintaining, decreasing or eliminating funding for each agency, program or incentive. Also, please use the space below to explain any new program/incentive ideas you may wish to introduce or how you plan on reallocating resources.

KBA - It is important to continue to see a return on the state investment. This IS working.

6. STEM CELLS - During the 2008 Kansas legislative session, legislators did not engage in much stem cell research or definition discussion, while in other states (such as Missouri), the topic seemed to dominate their legislative session. Do you feel that stem cell definitions and guidelines should be determined at the federal level or at the state level?

Federal level

7. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTECTION - Do you support helping to establish guidelines for intellectual property (IP) protection for bioscience companies who wish to partner and engage in research projects with Kansas' research universities?

Yes

8. BIOSCIENCE INDUSTRY GROWTH - What are one or two areas where you feel you could impact the growth of the biosciences industry in Kansas?

I believe that we should continue to focus on the animal sciences area and healthcare in Kansas so that we can be the leader

in these areas.