

**Bioscience Industry 2009 Legislative Survey:**

1. Name:

Mike Slattery

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

Kansas House, District 24

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?

Yes, I have followed very closely the strong bi partisan state/federal and public/private team which has been assembled under the leadership of Lt. Governor Mark Parkinson and Senator Pat Roberts and I believe that is exact the way in which Kansas should recruit these important federal biosciences projects to Kansas. I believe the Legislature must be active participants in these efforts by having representatives of these taskforces from both the House and Senate and when it comes to crunch time supporting financially these efforts.

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>	-	-	-
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.

I believe as the biosciences industry grows in Kansas so too will the funding set aside to support the efforts of the Kansas Bioscience Authority to further develop the industry in our state.

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?

I am disappointed the current Legislature has not taken a more proactive stance in this area. In fact there have even been efforts in the past few years to greatly restrict what types of research can be conducted within out state which could limit the ability of this important industry from growing in Kansas.

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?

As a State Representative in the county which is home to the KBA, I believe I could make a difference by supporting the KBA when funding key projects comes before the legislature as well as work with Kansas BIO as a local voice in support of bio business development opportunities right here in Johnson County and Northeast Kansas.