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Office of the President
April 30, 2019

Members, Board of Trustees:

PLEDGE FROM SIEMER MILLING COMPANY

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a pledge of \$1,000,000 from Siemer Milling Company of Teutopolis, Illinois, to establish the non-endowed “Siemer Milling Company Wheat Production Program Fund” to benefit the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment’s Grain and Forage Center of Excellence located in Princeton, Kentucky.

Background: Siemer Milling Company was established in 1882 and is headquartered in Teutopolis, Illinois. It is a family-and employee-owned business currently led by Richard C. Siemer, President. Siemer Milling Company’s primary product is milled wheat flour. Its operations include flour mills in Teutopolis, Illinois; Hopkinsville, Kentucky; and West Harrison, Indiana. The company has made previous gifts to the University totaling \$11,825 to support agricultural initiatives.

Siemer Milling made this \$1,000,000 pledge after Rick Siemer, CEO, and Carl Schwinke, Vice President of Grain Supply, toured the College of Agriculture's Grain & Forage Center in Princeton, Kentucky on November 27, 2018. The tour was led by Chad Lee, Director of the Grain & Forage Center, David VanSanford, Plant & Soil Professor, John Groves, Director of the UK Research and Education Center, and David Kessler, Director of Extension Philanthropy. It was motivated by the University’s impact on making wheat a viable crop for Kentucky. This gift will provide continuing support for the University’s wheat research and production initiatives in Kentucky and the region. In recognition of this gift, the conference center located at the Grain and Forage Center will be named in honor of Siemer Milling.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____