THE UNIVERSITY for KENTUCKY
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First: UK is an economic engine that deserves more investment, not less.

Second: These cuts, as proposed, would have a chilling effect on our momentum.

Third: Performance-based funding can be an important tool to make us better, but...
THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR INVESTMENT

Your investment helps create a $3.4 billion budget for our university and academic medical center that employ nearly 12,500 people full-time and create billions more in economic impact.
Since 2008, we have experienced 15 percent growth in our total enrollment and 9 percent in those graduating.

Our retention rates have increased more than six percentage points in the last decade.

25 percent of our undergraduate, full-time students from Kentucky are from families with a median income of less than $19,000.

More than half of our students graduate without debt.

Our graduation rates are among the highest in our history.
BUILDING KENTUCKY’S WORKFORCE

Since 2009:

• 38 percent growth in graduates in engineering
• 15 percent in medicine
• 11 percent in health sciences
• 10 percent in nursing
• 18 percent in business
• 22 percent in other STEM disciplines
WE ARE KENTUCKY’S ECONOMIC ENGINE
Kentucky’s $280 million investment yields a 12-fold return from its $3.4 billion flagship university.

UK employees pay more than $90 million in state/local taxes.

Annual patient discharges have grown by more than 95 percent since 2003.

UK’s research enterprise has a more than $580 million impact on Kentucky’s economy.
MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH BUILDING
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY’S $280 MILLION ENGINE
UK’s current state appropriation:

$55 million a year less than it was in FY 2008

Governor’s proposed budget:

$13 million cut in state appropriation for this year, FY 2016

$25 million cut in state appropriation next year, FY 2017

$85 million in state appropriation at risk the following year, FY 2018
$221 million

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  Tuition rate increase
- $93m
  Growth in the number of students
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- $93m: Growth in the number of students
- $221 million: Change in residency mix

- Replace $55 million lost in state investment
- $56 million investment in scholarships and financial aid
- $110 million investment in students, campus safety, advisors, counselors, instructors, and the academic enterprise
First, most states have less than 25 percent of base appropriations at risk.

Second, most states phase in the amount of appropriations at risk in 1 - 5 percent increments until reaching the desired amount.

Third, the National Conference of State Legislatures has indicated they are not aware of any states that have implemented performance funding while also reducing state appropriations.
TWO-YEAR CHANGE IN STATE APPROPRIATION

Source: Grapevine, FY 2016, Illinois State University
We don’t make Kentucky better tomorrow by reducing our investments in education today.