

Our Story Continues

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Dear Colleagues and Students,

Thursday afternoon, I [testified](#) before the Kentucky Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee – the next step in the long process as the state assembles its budget for the next two years. Similar to my testimony before the Kentucky House two weeks ago, I shared with the Senate the impact of your work – work that transforms the lives of our students and the health and well-being of people across our state and world.

Ours is a story of momentum in strengthening Kentucky's land-grant and flagship research university. But that momentum is at risk under the current budget proposal. As we did following my presentation to the Kentucky House, **we are asking you to again reach out — on your personal time and using your personal phone or email — to your legislator, telling them to reject the proposed cuts to the University of Kentucky and maintain the current funding.** It makes a difference. You can do that by calling the legislative message line at 800-372-7181 or going to lrc.ky.gov and clicking on the link to [find your legislator](#).

We also are sending this [video message](#) to various stakeholders that details how to demonstrate support for our mission through continued investment. Please feel free to share this link with those who might add their voice to our chorus of supporters.

Finally, to share our story with a broader audience, we have developed a [website](#) that speaks to the important work you do every day on behalf of those we touch and teach. It also dispels many of the misconceptions regarding our budget, expenditures, and how we utilize our vital state investment.

Thank you for all you do to make the University – and Kentucky – better. It's your profound work and constant commitment to Kentucky's indispensable institution that illustrates the importance of the state's investment in us. I remain emboldened and gratified by the work you do on behalf of those we serve.

Sincerely,

Eli Capilouto
President