

Telling Our Story

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Dear Colleagues and Students,

This morning I testified before the Kentucky House of Representatives Budget Review Subcommittee on Higher Education, telling the compelling story of your work to educate our students, serve communities across the Commonwealth, develop a broader understanding of our world, and heal those in need of complex health care.

It is a [story](#) of momentum and results that I tell with tremendous pride. It is your story.

But that story is at risk under the current budget proposal. I shared three key messages:

- First, the University of Kentucky is an indispensable institution that deserves more investment, not less.
- Second, this cut, as proposed, would have a chilling effect on our capacity to teach, discover, create, engage, and heal.
- Third, performance-based funding can be an important tool to make us better, but it needs to be done transparently, carefully, and in partnership with Kentucky's public colleges and universities.

My conversation this morning is another step in the legislative process. In the coming days and weeks, we will continue to communicate with you about this process and how you can help.

You can start by reaching 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. 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.

Thank you for all you do to make the University – and Kentucky – better.

Sincerely,

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