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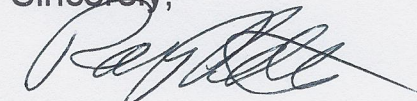
To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing this letter of affirmation in support of KU receiving innovation points for an effort undertaken 3 years ago to require new vending machines on campus to be ADA compliant. I was involved in that effort from the get-go and am familiar with the circumstances and extraordinary effort made to compel the vendor to modify machines to meet the ADA reach-range requirement of 48" above floor level for the credit or debit card reader and other controls.

Not only am I familiar with the success of that advocacy effort, the KU staff person most responsible for it happening, KU's ADA Coordinator - Jamie Simpson, and I co-presented on Access to Kiosks and Vending Machines at both the 2013 and 2014 ADA Symposia – which is the nation's premiere ADA conference, sponsored by the National Network of ADA Centers. Those presentations happened in San Antonio and Denver and were in part a result of KU's pioneering efforts.

I've attached the PowerPoint Jamie used for her part of those break-out sessions – which describe the efforts she and KU undertook to ensure ADA compliance. KU's modified procurement policy is featured. So not only did KU make significant changes to accessibility on campus, but this presentation encouraged others across the country to do the same.

Sincerely,



Ray Petty