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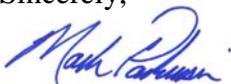
Dear Colleagues,

As we emerge from this challenging legislative session I wanted to take this opportunity to communicate my support of Department of Administration's initiative to implement a new statewide financial management system, SMART. The Sunflower Project team is successfully working towards implementing a new system that will improve the efficiency of the state's financial practices and increase the quality and timeliness of information provided to decision makers and the public.

I know agencies have been very supportive of the project team and your staff have been involved in many of the activities of the project. I know you are facing the challenges of reduced budgets but I encourage you to continue with your commitment and to promote communication about the Sunflower Project with your appointed agency contacts, affected managers, and staff in your agency. If you have any questions about the tasks the Sunflower Project is requesting of you please reach out to Sunflower Project staff as they are dedicated to helping you be successful in the transition.

I appreciate your continued support of both the Sunflower Project team and the Department of Administration in this significant endeavor and I thank you for committing agency resources towards making this a successful implementation next July.

Sincerely,



Mark Parkinson
Governor of the State of Kansas