



The KIOGA search committee charged with hiring a lobbying firm following the retirement of Ed Cross, has selected Watkins Public Strategies to represent KIOGA. The KIOGA Executive Committee strongly supported this decision. Led by Jason Watkins, himself a former Republican legislator, the firm comes highly recommended and will help us elevate our profile and influence with policymakers. In addition to Jason, his firm employs four full-time employees with additional support staff during the legislative session. They are a robust, capable team that brings a fresh perspective.

### **About Watkins Public Strategies**

Watkins Public Strategies is a leading full-service lobbying and association management firm in Topeka and Wichita. Jason Watkins founded his full-service government affairs firm in 2013 with a vision to deliver results for clients through an outcomes-based approach. His tireless work ethic and commitment to progress have propelled the company's success and reflect the traits that elevated his career outside the public sector. Jason was elected to the Kansas Legislature in 2004, serving three terms in the Kansas House of Representatives. In his legislative role, Jason served as a member of the Judiciary and Utilities and Energy Committees, as Vice Chair of the Appropriations Committee, and chair of the General Government Budget Committee. He also held various party leadership positions including, vice chair of the Republican House Campaign Committee and treasurer of the Sedgwick County Republican Party.

Jason and his team have earned a reputation as honest and hardworking lobbyists dedicated to advancing the interests of their clients. Policymakers on both sides of the aisle trust them for their straightforward advice and counsel on legislative policy and campaign issues.

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