

## **Statement of Missouri Sports Team Coalition re Legalization of Missouri Sports Wagering**

We are four of the major professional sports teams here in the State of Missouri - the Kansas City Royals, St. Louis Cardinals, St. Louis Blues and St. Louis City SC. Each of our organizations supports the legalization of sports wagering in Missouri as a way to increase engagement with our fans and provide a fun and exciting new way to enjoy sports and root for our teams. We also believe that sports wagering will generate a significant new source of tax revenue for Missouri. Sports wagering is already legal in more than half the other states, including our neighbors Illinois, Arkansas, Tennessee, Iowa, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

As proud citizens of the State of Missouri, as stewards of the sports franchises within our respective communities, and as key stakeholders regarding the possible legalization of sports wagering in Missouri, we are united in our goal of supporting a responsible Missouri sports wagering law that is good for our teams, our fans, and the citizens of the great state of Missouri. While it is our strong preference to achieve this goal during the upcoming Missouri legislative session in 2022, we are also exploring the possibility of achieving this goal through the initiative petition process. We look forward to continuing to work with our state legislators and the other stakeholders to achieve this important goal for Missouri.