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Subject: Proposal for the Dept. of Computer and Information Sciences to join the College of Engineering

Dear Jim

Because of another meeting, I will be unable to attend the hearing next Tuesday on the possible merger of the Dept. of Computer and Information Sciences into the College of Engineering. However, I want to express my support for this proposal. Such a merger would, I believe, result in long-term benefits to the Dept. of Computer and Information Sciences, to my College, and to the University by strengthening the instructional and research programs in the vital areas of computer technology and its application to solving many of our nation's problems. Although some short-term difficulties will undoubtedly be caused by such a merger (e.g., questions of resource reallocation and redirection of instructional responsibilities — problems which some fear will affect the smaller engineering departments disproportionately), I feel we would achieve a stronger university if the natural synergism between computer science and most engineering fields were enhanced by administratively creating closer ties between these disciplines. Strong capabilities in computer technology are essential for a modern university.

With wise administration the temporary dislocation and readjustment problems created by the merger can be resolved with a minimum of conflict, and K-State will emerge with substantially improved theoretical and applied computer capabilities.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Ken'.

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Professor

cc Donald E. Rathbone, Dean of Engineering
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