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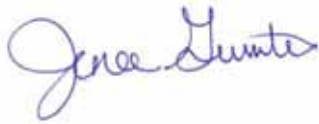
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The KSA reflects IPSR's commitment, as the lead agency of the Kansas State Data Center, to compiling and publishing data on the state for free public use. We hope this edition of the KSA will be a valuable resource. Please let us know if there are ways we can improve the KSA.

On behalf of the Editorial Board,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jena Gunter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jena" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Gunter".

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