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TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE PEOPLE OF MISSOURI:

Over the past year, our administration has prioritized building a stronger tomorrow for all Missourians. From workforce development and education to infrastructure and health care, we've made historic investments in this state and its people, showing what is possible when we come together for the common good. Because of these efforts, Missouri is stronger today, and we are not done yet.

This year's budget demonstrates our administration's new standard for the people of Missouri. With these key investments, we can create opportunities for Missourians through education and workforce development, strengthen our infrastructure, keep our communities safe, and improve the health and well-being of our families. Our dedication to doing better for Missourians is clear.

In Missouri, we understand the importance of building the bench of professionals that will lead us into the future. Whether it be expanding access to child care and pre-kindergarten, increasing funding for youth behavioral health across the state, or making the largest investment in generations into the I-70 corridor, we intend to not only provide opportunity for Missourians today, but guarantee it for our kids and grandkids tomorrow.

From Kennett to Rockport, from the Gateway Arch to the Buck O'Neil Bridge, for those who work in blue jeans and boots or a suit and tie, every Missourian will benefit from these investments. Together, we have achieved great success in the past, and by continuing that momentum into the future, we can accomplish even more.

A budget is about priorities, and we are confident that these priorities continue to put our state on the right path. We look forward to working together in 2023 to achieve even more for the people of Missouri. When it comes to building a brighter future for Missourians, we are NOT DONE YET.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michael L. Parson".

Michael L Parson
Governor