

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to Governor Ben Paulen

The Kansas branch of the NAACP in Kansas City wrote this letter to Kansas Governor Ben S. Paulen in Topeka. The NAACP thanked Governor Paulen for not passing Senate Bill 269 known as the Ku Klux Klan bill. If passed, this bill would have allowed organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan to operate in Kansas without taking out a charter. Governor Paulen disagreed with the bill and discouraged its passing. The bill failed in the Kansas House of Representatives with 65 nays and 57 yeas.

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444 Minnesota Avenue
Kansas City, Kansas
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Mr. Ben S. Paulen
Governor of Kansas
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor:-

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People note the courageous stand that you took in the position of defeating the Klu Klux Klan Bill which came up in the House for passage.

The National Head at New York asked that the various Branches throughout the country extend to you our most hearty appreciation and thanks for this successful effort, which was championed in your speech in the House, on Thursday, when the Bill was killed.

And we, from Kansas know how you are on these questions, without a doubt, and we stand ready to endorse and back you up in anything that you might desire in the future, for, we are satisfied that you are 100% American, and are willing to give every citizen in Kansas a chance, and that is all we ask of any officer of this country.

Very truly yours,

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT
OF COLORED PEOPLE.

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PRESIDENT

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