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Gentlemen of the Committee on Appropriations:- of any building or buildings.

I thank you for the opportunity afforded me through the courtesy of your Chairman, to appear before you this afternoon. I will endeavor very briefly to present to you certain reasons why the bill now pending before the General Assembly, and which has passed into the hands of your Committee, should receive favorable consideration from this Honorable body.

The Agricultural and Mechanical College, or as it is commonly known in the State, the State College of Kentucky, is one of the so-called "Land Grant" Colleges. One of these, either as College or University, is established in every State and Territory in the Union. They all owe their existence to the donation of lands given by the Congress of the United States in 1862. The lands given to the several states under this Act were in proportion to the population and representation in Congress, namely 30,000 acres for each Senator and for each Representative. The allotment to Kentucky under the Act was 330,000 acres. The allotment to New York 990,000 acres. The allotments to Kansas, Florida, Delaware, and Rhode Island, 90,000 acres each. The conditions upon which these land grants were made are as follows: That each State which may take and claim the benefit of this Act should maintain at least one College where the leading object shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to Agriculture and the Mechanic arts, in such manner as the Legislatures of the States may respectively prescribe, in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life. Section 5 of the Act provides that a sum not exceeding ten percent upon the amount received by any State under the provision of this Act may be expended for the purchase of lands for sites or experimental farms, but that no part should be applied either directly or indirectly,