

March 3, 2026

The Honorable Andy Barr
U.S. House of Representatives
2430 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC) FY 2027 Community Project Funding Request

Dear Congressman Barr,

I am writing on behalf of Oxmoor Auto Group, located in Fayette and Jessamine counties, Kentucky, to express our strong support for Bluegrass Community and Technical College's request for Fiscal Year 2027 Community Project Funding.

The proposed expansion of the Automotive and Diesel Technology programs at BCTC is not just an educational initiative; it is a critical economic imperative for Kentucky's Sixth District. Our industry is facing a "Technician Gap" that threatens our ability to keep the Commonwealth moving. The vacancy rate for diesel technician positions hovered near 19.3% in 2025, significantly impacting freight and logistics efficiency.

BCTC is our primary pipeline for skilled talent. However, the rapid evolution of automotive and diesel technology, including advanced diagnostics, hybrid and electric systems, emissions controls, and digitally integrated vehicle platforms, require training facilities that reflect today's industry standards. Federal funding to modernize equipment and expand instructional capacity at the Leestown and Lawrenceburg campuses will ensure technicians are prepared to service the full spectrum of vehicles that power Kentucky's transportation, logistics, agricultural, and construction sectors. We stand ready to hire these graduates immediately.

We respectfully urge you to prioritize this project in the FY 2027 appropriations process. Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to workforce development in the Bluegrass.

Sincerely,



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Representative Barr,

On behalf of Sutherland Chevrolet, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for Bluegrass Community and Technical College's (BCTC) proposal to expand its automotive technology program.

As an automotive dealership in Central Kentucky, we recognize the urgent need for a skilled workforce trained in the maintenance, diagnostics, and basic repair of electric vehicles. We are proud to serve on the program's Advisory Board and are committed to providing ongoing input to ensure the curriculum remains aligned with current and emerging industry standards.

In addition, we are pleased to offer internship opportunities to students enrolled in the program. These internships will provide hands-on experience with diagnostics, battery systems, and customer service in a real-world setting.

We commend BCTC for its forward-thinking approach and are excited to partner in preparing the next generation of automotive technicians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brent Waggoner', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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Subaru University

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BCTC is our primary pipeline for skilled talent. However, the rapid technological shift toward Electric Vehicles (EVs) and advanced diesel diagnostics requires training facilities that match modern reality. Federal funding to modernize BCTC's training equipment and expand capacity at the Leestown and Lawrenceburg facilities will directly result in high-wage jobs for Kentuckians and sustained economic growth for our region. We stand ready to hire these graduates immediately.

We respectfully urge you to prioritize this project in the FY 2027 appropriations process. Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to workforce development in the Bluegrass.

Sincerely,

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Dear Congressman Barr,

Thank you for reviewing the attached automotive technician education program expansion. I fully support this initiative and the addition of these courses (AUT 275/276) to BCTC's curriculum.

With the rapid growth of vehicle technologies in the industry, it is vital that students are provided with the most up-to-date training and hands-on learning opportunities. Developing this expansion will not only prepare students for the evolving needs of the automotive workforce but also strengthen the pipeline of skilled technicians entering dealerships and service centers.

Please consider this my support for the credential and the courses outlined. I look forward to seeing the positive impact this program will have on both students and industry partners.

Warm regards,

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