



March 2, 2026

Honorable Congressman Andy Barr  
Kentucky 6th Congressional District Office  
2709 Old Rosebud Rd, Suite 100  
Lexington, KY 40509

Dear Congressman Barr,

On behalf of the City of Richmond & Board of Directors of the Richmond Development Industrial Corporation, please accept this support letter for the Community Funding Projects submission requesting funds for Richmond Industrial Park IV.

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This property sits just a little over a mile off Interstate I-75 at exit 87, making it a prime location for business, manufacturing, and job growth. It is parallel with our current industrial park, Richmond Industrial Park III.

We are requesting funds to begin land development on this property and to move toward being a build-ready site. This will also connect the two parks and create a second entrance into our industrial park. The second entrance will provide a quicker emergency service response time to the back of our park, as well as ease truck traffic congestion off the Duncannon Lane Corridor. We will share maps and new marketing materials promoting the parks with your staff, showing what was outlined in this letter.

Your assistance will allow us to gain more momentum as we strive to provide opportunities that ultimately support Madison County as whole. As always, we are thankful for your support and your work in the 6th Congressional District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Blythe". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mayor Robert Blythe  
City of Richmond



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John McPhearson, Board Chair  
Richmond Industrial Development Corporation



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Dear Congressman Barr,

On behalf of the Richmond Development Industrial Corporation, I too am asking for your support for the Community Funding Projects submission requesting funds for Richmond Industrial Park IV.

Richmond may very well be the fastest-growing city in Kentucky next year, and we are future-focused on providing opportunities and a business-friendly environment to drive job and revenue growth. This will allow us to maintain lower taxes for our constituents and provide services that they deserve for themselves and their families.

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This property sits just a little over a mile off Interstate I-75 at exit 87, making it a prime location for business, manufacturing, and investment. It is adjacent to one of our existing industrial parks, Richmond Industrial Park III.

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Sincerely,

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Brad Sowden, Executive Director  
Richmond Industrial Development Corporation



David T. McFaddin  
President

March 3, 2026

Honorable Congressman Andy Barr  
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Dear Congressman Barr,

Eastern Kentucky University is proud to offer its full support for the Community Funding Project submission for Richmond Industrial Park IV.

EKU leads Kentucky's public institutions in statewide employment outcomes for certificate, associate, bachelor's, and doctoral degree graduates three years after completion, according to KYSTATS. This distinction reflects our steadfast commitment to preparing students not only for graduation, but for meaningful, long-term careers that strengthen Kentucky's economy.

With more than 16,000 students pursuing fields including aviation, healthcare, safety and security, business, insurance, and advanced manufacturing, investment in a competitive and growing local workforce is essential. EKU maintains strong partnerships with industry leaders who provide internships, cooperative education experiences, work-study opportunities, and long-term employment pathways. Our faculty and students also collaborate with industry partners on research and development initiatives that foster innovation and economic vitality across the Commonwealth.

Over the past decade, Madison County—and particularly the City of Richmond—has experienced significant population growth. To sustain this momentum, our community must remain focused on cultivating a business-friendly environment that attracts investment, expands job opportunities, and generates long-term revenue growth.

Acquired in October 2025, Richmond Industrial Park IV encompasses 189 acres ideally situated off I-75 at Exit 87. This prime location positions the site for transformative business and manufacturing expansion. Strategic investment to prepare the property as build-ready will enhance its competitiveness in the economic development marketplace while also improving connectivity to the existing industrial park. These improvements will promote safer, more efficient traffic flow along Duncannon Lane and strengthen overall accessibility.

We are grateful for your continued leadership and your commitment to advancing economic growth within the Sixth Congressional District. Eastern Kentucky University strongly supports this project and the lasting impact it will have on our students, our workforce, and our region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David T. McFaddin".

Dr. David T. McFaddin  
President

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Kentucky's 6th Congressional District  
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Dear Congressman Barr,

On behalf of Commerce Lexington Inc. and the regional business community, I am writing to express support for the Community Funding Project request submitted for the Richmond Industrial Park IV.

Strategic job site development remains one of the most critical factors in advancing regional economic competitiveness for the nine-county region. The acquisition of 189 acres for Richmond Industrial Park IV represents a proactive, forward-looking investment that positions the city of Richmond and the Greater Lexington region to compete successfully for high-quality manufacturing, logistics, and advanced industry projects.

With its proximity to Interstate 75 at Exit 87 and its alignment alongside the existing Richmond Industrial Park III, this property offers a prime opportunity to expand market-ready industrial inventory in a corridor that continues to experience significant growth. As site selection timelines compress and competition among states intensifies, having build-ready sites is essential to attracting job-creating investment.

Funding to support initial land development and infrastructure improvements will accelerate the transformation of this property into a competitive, marketable industrial asset.

The city of Richmond's continued growth contributes meaningfully to the overall economic strength of the region. Investments like Richmond Industrial Park IV not only create opportunities for job creation and private capital investment but also strengthen the region's long-term tax base and economic resilience.

We respectfully encourage your support of this Community Funding Project request.

Sincerely,

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Robert L. Quick, CCE  
President & CEO  
Commerce Lexington



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Dear Congressman Barr,

On behalf of the Madison County Board of Education, please accept this support letter for the Community Funding Projects submission requesting funds for Richmond Industrial Park IV.

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Sincerely,

Randy Neeley  
Superintendent  
Madison County Schools



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Dear Congressman Barr,

On behalf of Baptist Health Richmond, please accept this letter of strong support for the Community Funding Project request for the Richmond Industrial Park IV.

As a faith-based healthcare ministry, our mission calls us to demonstrate the love of Christ by providing and coordinating care and improving the health of the communities we serve. We recognize that economic stability, meaningful employment, and strong community infrastructure are essential social determinants of health. The development of the Richmond Industrial Park IV represents a strategic investment that will strengthen these foundations and improve the overall well-being of our region.

This project will help create quality jobs, expand career opportunities, and attract new businesses that contribute to long-term economic resilience. Stable employment and economic growth enable individuals and families to access healthcare, secure housing, reduce stress-related health challenges, and build healthier lives. In this way, the proposed industrial park supports not only economic development, but also improved community health outcomes.

As one of the area's largest healthcare providers and employers, Baptist Health Richmond understands the importance of a strong local economy to sustain a healthy workforce and vibrant community. This development will enhance our region's competitiveness, support workforce retention and growth, and contribute to the long-term vitality of the area we are privileged to serve.

For these reasons, we respectfully encourage your favorable consideration of this funding request. We believe that the Richmond Industrial Park IV will serve as a catalyst for economic opportunity, improved health, and ultimately, a much stronger community.

Thank you for your commitment to initiatives that promote both economic development and the well-being of the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

Greg D. Gerard  
President



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March 4, 2026

Honorable Congressman Andy Barr  
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Dear Congressman Barr,

On behalf of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, please accept this support letter for the Community Funding Projects submission requesting funds for Richmond Industrial Park IV. As the second-fastest-growing city in Kentucky 2024, we are future-focused on providing opportunities and a business-friendly environment to drive job and revenue growth. This will allow us to maintain lower taxes for our constituents and provide services that they deserve for themselves and their families.

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Colleen E. Spencer  
President and CEO  
Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Inc.