



LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

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Andy Barr
US Congressman
2430 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Barr,

In my role as the executive director of Lexington-Fayette Urban County Housing Authority (LHA), I wish to express my full support for Community Action Council's proposal to develop the land owned by LHA in the William Wells Brown school district to build a new Head Start Prep Academy facility.

Part of the LHA's mission is to "partner with other agencies to enhance our community involvement and the self-sufficiency and higher quality of life for our residents." We believe that the Council's use of this land to benefit the local community through increasing access to early educational services is in direct accordance with this mission. Should this proposal be funded, the LHA is interested in selling this land to the Council so that it can bring the benefits of its Prep Academy to the children and families in this community.

The Council and LHA have a long history of successful partnership. We continue to collaborate in the Council's Emergency Family Housing program by providing housing units for use as emergency shelter for families experiencing homelessness and work closely with the Project LIFE program to provide housing vouchers to assist former foster children transition out of the foster care system. I am confident that the Council and LHA will continue to have a fruitful partnership that facilitates assistance for community members in need, including during this William Wells Brown Prep Academy project.

Sincerely,

Austin Simms

Executive Director