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The Honorable Andy Barr
2430 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
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Dear Congressman Barr,

On behalf of the City of Berea, Kentucky, I ask for your support for the creation of the Economy Road application being submitted by the Madison County Fiscal Court for consideration by the Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies. The request is for funding to construct a safer route between Kentucky Highway 52, near Duncannon Lane, and the Central Kentucky Regional Airport. This rural infrastructure improvement is critical to our entire county and to the regional economy. This investment will also provide enhanced safety and more convenient access for our citizens and the citizens from surrounding counties.

Currently, drivers on Caleast Road must traverse a dangerous narrow road from the interstate to the Central Kentucky Regional Airport. With this infrastructure improvement, drivers will be re-routed on the realigned road with improved access to Interstate 75. The realignment will provide quality of life improvements for motorists within the corridor, while improving drive times and public safety.

Additionally, the Central Kentucky Regional Airport is planning a significant expansion and modernization project. The airport is home to the Eastern Kentucky University Aviation Program and serves numerous large employers in Madison and surrounding counties. The current improvements being made to Kentucky Highway 52 is within five miles of the airport and will greatly increase traffic along this rural corridor thanks to the growing facility. For this reason, the need for a connector road between the two is critical.

We certainly offer our full support for this much-needed infrastructure improvement and greatly appreciate your consideration of this important project for our county and region.

Sincerely,

Bruce Fraley
Mayor
City of Berea, Kentucky