



April 28, 2021

The Honorable Andy Barr  
2430 Rayburn House Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Barr,

On behalf of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, I am pleased to submit our support for the Madison County Fiscal Court's federal application for Economy Road. While our name says Richmond, our Chamber works throughout Madison County to support, enhance, and engage businesses in our County.

Economy Road will do exactly what the name says. It will stimulate our economy by providing critical access in an undeveloped segment of our County. As you know, businesses need many things to succeed: infrastructure, housing, and available land for development and future growth.

Located in an Opportunity Zone, adjacent to I-75, within 5 miles of the Central Kentucky Regional Airport, and within 2 miles of the Richmond Industrial Park, Economy Road will create a space for businesses to flourish, builders to develop much needed housing, and serve as a recruitment tool for industry looking to locate within a day's drive of two-thirds of the US population.

Despite the struggle that COVID-19 brought for many communities, Madison County has been thriving as it relates to business development. Significant development has occurred including the addition of the large travel center Buc-ee's and one of the fastest growing agricultural companies, AppHarvest.

Madison County is open for business and we hope you will greatly consider this appropriation for Economy Road.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mendi Goble".

Mendi Goble  
President/CEO