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U.S. Congressman Andy Barr 2430 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Barr:

On behalf of the companies located in the Blue Grass Business Park, we write in support of investments in the Newtown Extension to help reduce traffic congestion, improve economic competitiveness, and further leverage Central Kentucky's location advantage.

As you know, Lexington is attractive to many companies because it sits at the crossroads of two major Interstates (I-75 and I-64), putting it within a day's drive of over two-thirds of the U.S. population. For businesses focused on logistics or transporting goods to market, having direct access to both North-South and East-West connections provides a big advantage, but only if our transportation infrastructure is safe and in good condition.

This additional investment in the Newtown Extension also makes it safer and more efficient for employees to get to work at the Blue Grass Business Park, while helping to support Big Ass fans, Webasto Roof Systems, Tiffany & Co., Kito USA, Birtley USA and Harbor Steel. These companies employ more than 1,500 high wage jobs located in the park with average annual salaries close to \$50,000 and over \$200,000,000 in capital investments. Improving transportation connectivity is a clear win-win for regional economic development.

We appreciate your support of the Newtown Extension. Investing in transportation infrastructure helps keep jobs in the region and enhance Central Kentucky's economic competitiveness.

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Sincerely

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