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

Dear Congressman Barr,

As Madison County's District 4 Magistrate, representing the citizens of Berea, Richmond, and Madison County, Kentucky, it is with great pleasure that I submit a letter of support for the creation of Economy Road located off Interstate 75.

As one of the fastest growing counties in Kentucky, Madison County has recently been a hotbed of activity as it relates to economic development. This is due to a variety of factors including the fact that we have:

- Eastern Kentucky University and Berea College providing an abundant highly educated workforce;
- more interstate exits along I-75 with than any County in Kentucky;
- overflow of residents and businesses since we border Lexington-Fayette County;
- an extensive Opportunity Zone covering over one-fifth of our county;
- recently supported expansion of the Central Kentucky Regional Airport;
- a highly competitive tax rate; and
- over 1,000 workers becoming work ready over the next three years due to the end of the federal CSEPP mission.

This project will create an unprecedented impact on our community by creating a safe route for citizens, including students of our EKV Aviation program, new sites for businesses to locate, an alternative route to ensure commerce continues when delays and rerouting from the interstate occur.

I appreciate your consideration and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

*Tom Botkin*

Tom Botkin  
Madison County Magistrate, 4<sup>th</sup> District

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