



April 19, 2021

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

Dear Congressman Barr:

Blue Grass Airport supports the continued investment in the Newtown Pike Extension that will significantly improve interconnectivity in the region and along the state's vital corridors. As you know, we typically would advocate for infrastructure improvements specific to our airport. However, the ground transportation network in and around the Lexington region plays a key role in convenient access to Blue Grass Airport, as well as, enhancing the economic viability of our region, which in turn impacts air service to our community.

We regularly collaborate with our local community partners such as Commerce Lexington Inc., VisitLEX and the Downtown Lexington Partnership to promote the region as a great place to live, work and visit, and position Lexington as a vibrant and economically powerful urban core. We all agree that the proposed Newtown Pike corridor will serve as an important central "connection point" for north/south and east/west interstate commerce, and that this improvement will enhance access to our airport, as well as many other tourism and business destinations.

I think everyone agrees that funding for transportation infrastructure in general is one of the most important investments in economic development, and funding of the Newtown Pike Extension specifically will benefit the central Kentucky region for years to come.

We appreciate your support of federal funding for the Newtown Pike Extension.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Frankl".

Eric J. Frankl, A.A.E.
Executive Director