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The Honorable Andy Barr
U.S. House of Representatives
2430 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Barr:

As the representative for District 77, I am pleased to submit this letter in support of Community Action Council's (the Council) proposal to build a new child development center in the William Wells Brown community. I know the Council has a strong history of providing community-based services and advocacy for people with low income within its core Central Kentucky service area and, specifically, boasts over fifty-six years of experience operating high-quality, comprehensive child and family development services in Kentucky through Head Start, Early Head Start, Migrant and Seasonal Head Start, and the Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership program.

The proposal for a Prep Academy at William Wells Brown addresses one of the top recommendations from the Education and Economic Opportunity Subcommittee of Mayor Gorton's Commission for Racial Justice and Equity: "Build an integrated system of early childhood education that addresses the needs of children, adults, and families." The proposed facility would allow the Council to expand the success of its Head Start programs to the William Wells Brown district and increase children's kindergarten readiness in what has, historically, been a low-performing, low-income school district.

If this proposal is funded, I will fully support the Council in its implementation by offering resources, practical assistance, and expertise in the needs of our community. I know that the Council's Prep Academies ensure that more children in our community enter school ready to learn and that families have expanded opportunities for achieving and sustaining self-sufficiency.

I strongly recommend this proposal for funding and look forward to a continued collaboration with the Council in the development of this invaluable community resource.

Peace and blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George A. Brown Jr.".

Representative George Brown Jr.

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