



**GEORGETOWN/SCOTT COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**
A KENTUCKY TREASURE

March 22, 2024

Honorable Congressman Andy Barr
2430 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Barr:

It is my great pleasure to offer this correspondence in support of the Community Project Funding (CPF) submitted to your office on behalf of the counties of Fayette, Madison, and Scott for our proposed Central Kentucky Regional Economic Development Business Park.

As you know, we have received state approval to proceed with our final KPDI application to jointly fund this extraordinary opportunity to partner with Fayette and Madison counties to implement a true regional way to generate new revenue sources for Central Kentucky, new employment opportunities for our Central Kentucky citizens and to establish a new benchmark for cooperation between our local governments.

In addition, with your assistance to acknowledge the great partnership we can have with your office and the CPF funding, we "can" implement this new and creative way to move our region forward.

The Georgetown/Scott County Chamber of Commerce strongly supports this application and stands ready to assist this great endeavor.

Sincerely,

John (Jack) A. Conner
Executive Director



March 26, 2024

Honorable Congressman Andy Barr
2430 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Community Project Funding (CPF)

We are pleased to express enthusiastic support for the Central Kentucky Regional Business Park, sponsored by the Scott County Fiscal Court. This regional vision and initiative, demonstrated in this project, are truly putting us in a trajectory unlike others, and we believe it holds significant promise for our region's economic growth and prosperity.

The Scott County Industrial Forum appreciates the importance of forward-thinking initiatives that foster collaboration among Economic Development Organizations (EDOs), local officials, and the community. The proposed project's collaborative approach, spanning across Madison, Fayette, and Scott counties in Central Kentucky, is truly groundbreaking and sets a precedent for future economic development efforts.

The Scott County Industrial Forum fully supports this initiative. We recognize the value of strategic partnerships and believe that this project will not only attract new business activity but also create opportunities for job growth, innovation, and investment in our community for new and existing industries.

Only by working together and embracing forward-thinking initiatives, like the Central Kentucky Regional Business Park, can we pave the way for a brighter and more prosperous future for Central Kentucky.

Thank you for your dedication to driving economic development and growth in our region.

Sincerely,

John Traylor
Commonwealth Tool

David Rodgers
Kentucky Welding Industries

Berea Industrial Development Authority
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March 21, 2024

Honorable Andy Barr
United States Congress
Attn: Tatum Dale and McKinzie Todd Poe
2709 Old Rosebud Road, Suite 100
Lexington, KY 40509

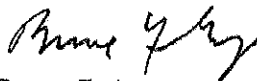
Dear Congressman Barr,

I am pleased to submit this letter of support to endorse the Central Kentucky Regional Business Park project, which is sponsored by the Scott County Fiscal Court.

This project involves Scott County Fiscal Court, Madison County Fiscal Court, Lexington Fayette Urban County Government, City of Richmond, City of Georgetown, and City of Berea. This collaborative approach to business development is groundbreaking and will greatly help build economic strength within the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the 6th Congressional District. We at the Berea Industrial Development Authority are pleased to be part of this project and we commit our full support. It is our belief that this project will pave the way for a healthier and more cooperative approach in the way local governments pursue economic development into the future.

In the past, one of the reasons that it was difficult to move forward with projects like this, which will clearly benefit all parties, is the cost involved. From purchase of land to installation of water and sewer infrastructure, the cost can be staggering. However, the aforementioned governmental entities are committed to moving this project forward, and I am confident that we will achieve our goal of establishing a viable regional business park. With water and sewer infrastructure costs estimated at \$22,546,000, any federal funding secured for this project would certainly be put to good use and would certainly help us to meet our goal.

Sincerely,



Bruce Fraley
Chairman, Berea Industrial Development Authority



March 22, 2024

The Honorable Andy Barr
United States House of Representatives
2430 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Community Project Funding ("CPF")

Dear Congressman Barr,

On behalf of Commerce Lexington please accept this correspondence expressing our support of the CPF application submitted for the infrastructure upgrades at the upcoming business park development in Scott County. The collaboration between Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, the Counties of Madison and Scott, and the Cities of Berea, Georgetown, and Richmond is unique and showcases a strong sense of regionalism. This project will pay dividends to the region as it is projected to support over 1,000 jobs and strong industry in Central Kentucky. The broader community will be positively impacted in significant ways as each of the entities will benefit directly and indirectly from the jobs and new taxpayers that will reside in the region. Commerce Lexington hopes that this project serves as an example for many years as other counties and cities work together to enhance economic growth across the Commonwealth.

The infrastructure upgrades are crucial to this project succeeding and your support is vital in getting the project completed. Thank you for all you do in supporting our counties and cities. We look forward to seeing the upcoming business park in Scott County become a success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert L. Quick".

Robert L. Quick, IOM, CCE
Commerce Lexington





March 19, 2024

The Honorable Andy Barr
United States House of Representatives
2430 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Community Project Funding ("CPF")

Dear Congressman Barr:


On behalf of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, the Counties of Madison and Scott, and the Cities of Berea, Georgetown, and Richmond, all proud constituencies of your district, please accept this correspondence expressing our support of the CPF application to be submitted by the parties to this letter for our upcoming economic development project in Scott County. As you know, we intend to form a regional industrial development authority to build and market a business park which meets applicable CPF criteria and is an incredible step in promoting our region's growth to provide jobs and industry to Central Kentucky. Our work will require us to acquire real property and create or construct public improvements such as water, sewer, and streets, all activities eligible for CPF fund use. This project is anticipated to create over 1,000 jobs at an average \$30 per hour within its first decade and develops an organizational blueprint through which these cities and counties can work together for years to come to expand economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income Kentuckians.

Collaboration is at the heart of our project, and your support is vital to continuing our efforts. Thank you for all that you do to assist our cities and counties, and please let us know of any questions regarding our CPF application or project. We look forward to inviting you to many ribbon cuttings in the days to come.


Sincerely,

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
Linda Gorton, Mayor

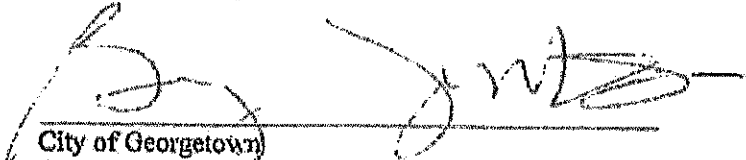
Madison County Fiscal Court
Reagan Taylor, Judge/Executive




Scott County Fiscal Court
Joe Pat Covington, Judge/Executive



City of Berea
Bruce Fraley, Mayor



City of Georgetown
Burney Jenkins, Mayor



City of Richmond
Robert Blythe, Mayor



Scott County United, Inc.

Mike HOCKENSMITH, President

John A. CONNER, Executive Director

March 22, 2024

Honorable Congressman Andy Barr
2430 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Community Project Funding (CPF)

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Scott County United, Inc., please accept this correspondence as our strong support for the Community Project Funding (CPF) application transmitted to your office to assist with the development of the Fayette, Madison, and Scott County (Central Kentucky) Regional Business Park. The project is in complete agreement and compliance with our "Regional/Bluegrass Alliance" Economic Development Strategic Plan, and in fact, it is also compliant with the recently completed Georgetown/Scott County Economic Development Strategic Plan.

A component of our plan(s) is to recognize that boundaries can sometime inhibit our ability to move the region and our desires are to offer greater employment and revenue opportunities. Your partnering with us will make that concept become a reality and will give us a better pathway for the future.

As our region continues to lead the Commonwealth in growth, we must meet those demands for infrastructure; this application approval will allow us to meet demand.

Your support and work for Georgetown/Scott County and the 6th District is greatly appreciated and we trust you will find our application meets your criteria. Please contact us if we can assist in other ways to validate acceptance.

Sincerely,

Mike Hockensmith
President



Richmond Industrial Development Corporation

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March 25, 2024

The Honorable Andy Barr
United States Congress
Attn: Tatum Dale and McKinzie Todd Poe
2709 Old Rosebud Road, Suite 100
Lexington, KY 40509

Dear Congressman Barr and the Community Project Funding Committee,

The Richmond Industrial Development Corporation (RIDC) is focused on promoting job growth, financial stability and well-being for all citizens by enticing commercial and industrial development. We work closely with industries and other partners in order to encourage business expansion and job retention for our community and beyond. As a result, the manufacturing industry has become a major contributor of economic development for Richmond, Kentucky and the Central Kentucky Region.

A contingent of local government entities and other partners in the Central Kentucky Region are supporting the development of a Regional Business Park located in Scott County, Kentucky. We were pleased to provide this letter of support for the water and sewer infrastructure project which is a very important component of the overall park development. This infrastructure project is being sponsored by the Scott County Fiscal Court.

An increasing number of companies are choosing Kentucky and specifically the Bluegrass Region for their manufacturing operations. We want to help provide employers with the resources and the right people to help them succeed here. We are proud to be an integral part of broad local support that is necessary to achieve a common goal of providing employment that results in a higher standard of living for many people throughout our Bluegrass Region!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John McPhearson', written in a cursive style.

John McPhearson
President, RIDC

Cc: RIDC Board

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March 26, 2024

Congressman Andy Barr
US House of Representatives
2430 Rayburn House Office Bldg. 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Central Kentucky Regional Business Park Project – FY25 Community Project Funding Interest

Dear Congressman Barr:

I write today in full support of the Central Kentucky Regional Business Park Project and application for consideration for a FY25 Appropriation for a KY 6th District Community Project. This application is sponsored by Scott County Fiscal Court on behalf of a regional partnership between the local governments in Scott, Fayette & Madison Counties. Implementation of this Regional Business Park Project is truly a watershed moment in regional cooperation and collaboration crossing community & county boundaries putting aside politics for the betterment of Central Kentucky. Culminating over the last 15+ years of preparation by the Central Kentucky Public Policy Group, the public officials in these communities have finally come together in partnership with stakeholders to support existing business growth and compete as a region for new growth opportunities competing with larger metro regions across the country. We all know the unique features of the Commonwealth and will now be able to compete in Central Kentucky at a totally new level with a shovel ready site held by the partnership.

We currently have synergies at the local, state, and federal levels that are aligning resources which can bring unprecedented growth to Central KY, our local communities and provide even more, state of the art career opportunities for our graduates right here in the Bluegrass. As a primary employer in the region, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky (TMMK) understands the importance of forward-thinking initiatives that foster collaboration among Economic Development Organizations (EDOs), local officials, and all community stakeholders. Toyota supports this initiative and anticipates future growth for additional communities following this best practice.

Support in the form of a congressional appropriation from the FY25 Community Project Funds pool would be instrumental in moving this project forward towards making larger tracks of property available for new and existing business growth in Central Kentucky.

Sincerely,

Kim Menke

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