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The Honorable Andy Barr  
2430 Rayburn House Office Bldg.  
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Dear Congressman Barr,

As state representative for the 71<sup>st</sup> District, including a portion of Madison County, Kentucky, it is my pleasure to submit this letter of recommendation for a much-needed project. Madison County Fiscal Court's Appropriation submission is a transformational project that will bring immense positive change to my district.

Without a doubt, first and foremost, my focus is on the safety and wellness of our constituents. The current route, which is Caleast Rd, that citizens use to travel from KY 52 to the Central Kentucky Regional Airport is narrow and winding. Improving the access to the airport by the construction of an alternative and safer route via Economy Road will significantly reduce the drive time, straighten, and widen the route, improve emergency response time, and reduce the number of accidents along this corridor.

While safety is always paramount, the economic viability is my second priority. Located in an opportunity zone that is currently ranked by the Census as a low to moderate income census tract, there is no doubt that having a stronger road system will not only connect our current businesses in the Richmond Industrial Park but also provide the possibility for new businesses looking to locate in the area. The abundance of land and the chance to move to an opportunity zone makes it a prime location to benefit from improved infrastructure.

Finally, this will enhance work that has already begun at our Central Kentucky Regional Airport, the 4<sup>th</sup> busiest airport in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Allowing a strong connector road opens the possibility of higher student volume and makes it a more attractive option for potential students looking to move into the much-needed field of aviation.

I sincerely hope you will consider the merits of this application. I am here to assist in any way to make this project a reality. Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Bray", written over a white background.

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71<sup>st</sup> Legislative District