

## Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Linda Gorton Mayor

April 26, 2021

Rep. Andy Barr 2430 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Barr,

I support Community Action Council's application for the Prep Academy at William Wells Brown Elementary School, located in Lexington's historic East End.

The Community Action Council for Lexington-Fayette, Bourbon, Harrison and Nicholas Counties, Inc. provides comprehensive child development and family support services.

CAC's Head Start program encourages children to see themselves not just as learners, but as critical thinkers. CAC's faculty and staff are intentional about making sure that children have natural opportunities to develop important social skills, such as cooperation, autonomy and empathy.

CAC is headquartered in Lexington, and takes great care to ensure that all of its Head Start programs focus not only on children, but also on all members of a family in an effort to create a healthy environment for a child to grow. CAC also leads the way in addressing racial inequity in early childhood education.

CAC's application would increase the availability of high-quality, comprehensive early education and family engagement services for young Kentucky children, ages three to five years, and their families.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely.

Linda Gorton

Mayor

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