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State Representative District 81

April 29, 2021

The Honorable Andy Barr 2430 Rayburn House Office Bldg. Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Barr:

I am honored to submit this letter of recommendation for the application that I believe will change the economic and safety landscape within Madison County, Kentucky. As the state representative of the 81<sup>st</sup> District, I am pleased to represent the people of Madison County as an advocate for critical projects of need for our county.

The Madison County application for Economy Road will greatly benefit the people and businesses both in my district and in the surrounding region. The proximity to the Richmond Industrial Park will create a safe corridor for them to commute to the Central Kentucky Regional Airport, a hub of commerce for our region. It will also open critical corridors of economic development, and, as the project is located in the federal Opportunity Zone, it will create an incentive for consideration for businesses looking to locate.

In addition, my district is the home of Eastern Kentucky University (EKU). There is no doubt that many of the students that travel to EKU are coming through a route that is both dangerous and inefficient on fuel usage. Many of those same students are coming to Eastern in order to join the elite EKU School of Aviation. With the changing economy and shortage of pilots, as well as aviation being the top export of Kentucky's economy, this is a great opportunity for EKU to expand its program and attract more students to the school thanks to a safer and more efficient route of travel.

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I greatly appreciate the consideration of this project and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Deanna Frazier

State Representative

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