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The Honorable James Comer
United States House of Representatives
2410 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Comer:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Community Project Funding request to replace the nurse call system at Med Center Health Russellville in Logan County, Kentucky. As the state representative serving this community, I recognize the essential role that Med Center Health Russellville plays in providing safe, reliable health care services for residents throughout the region.

Med Center Health Russellville serves a medically vulnerable population in a rural area where health care access can be limited, and transportation barriers often make travel to larger medical centers difficult. Ensuring that the hospital has reliable patient safety infrastructure is critical to maintaining high-quality care close to home for Logan County residents.

The hospital's current nurse call system has reached the end of its service life and can no longer be repaired due to the unavailability of replacement parts. A modern nurse call platform will provide dependable communication between patients and clinical staff, enabling faster response times and improving overall care coordination throughout the facility. Reliable communication systems are particularly important for older adults, medically fragile patients, and individuals managing chronic conditions who depend on timely assistance from clinical teams.

Beyond improving bedside communication, the new system will support emerging models of care delivery, including virtual nursing programs, telehealth connections, and advanced patient safety monitoring technologies. These capabilities will help ensure that patients in Logan County can benefit from the same coordinated care and clinical expertise available in larger health systems while still receiving care within their local community.

Med Center Health Russellville also plays an important role in the regional health care network by providing local inpatient services, serving as a post-acute care destination, and helping support capacity when surrounding facilities experience increased demand. Strengthening the hospital's infrastructure will help preserve access to essential health care services for residents across Logan County and the surrounding rural region.

For these reasons, I strongly support this request and appreciate your consideration of this important investment in rural health care. Thank you for your continued commitment to ensuring that communities like Logan County have access to safe, high-quality medical care close to home.

Sincerely,

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March 11, 2026

Congressman James Comer
2410 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Comer,

I am writing to express my strong support for Med Center Health Russellville's request for Fiscal Year 2027 Community Project Funding to replace the hospital's aging nurse call system. This project represents a critical investment in patient safety infrastructure for Logan County and the surrounding region.

Med Center Health Russellville serves as a vital healthcare provider for residents of Logan County and neighboring rural communities. As a community hospital serving a medically vulnerable population, reliable communication between patients and clinical staff is essential to ensuring safe, responsive, and high-quality care. The hospital's current nurse call system has reached the end of its useful life and can no longer be repaired due to the unavailability of replacement parts. Replacing this outdated technology with a modern system will significantly improve patient safety, enhance care coordination, and support efficient clinical workflows throughout the facility.

This investment is particularly important for Logan County residents, many of whom face economic and geographic barriers to healthcare. Rural patients often rely on their local hospital for accessible care close to home, especially older adults, individuals with chronic conditions, and medically fragile patients who may have difficulty traveling long distances. A modern nurse call system ensures that patients can quickly communicate with caregivers when they need assistance, helping prevent complications and improving overall patient outcomes.

Beyond strengthening bedside care, this project will also support innovative models of healthcare delivery in rural communities. The proposed system will enable integration with emerging technologies such as virtual nursing services, telehealth consultations, and advanced patient safety monitoring tools. These capabilities will allow patients in Logan County to benefit from

expanded access to specialized expertise across the Med Center Health system while continuing to receive care locally.

For these reasons, I strongly encourage your support for this important project. Investing in the technological infrastructure of Med Center Health Russellville will help ensure that residents of Logan County continue to receive safe, high-quality healthcare services close to home while strengthening the healthcare system that serves our rural communities.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to improving healthcare access across Kentucky's First Congressional District.

Sincerely,

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Mike Wilson
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32nd District

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Congressman James Comer
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As the Logan County Judge Executive, I am pleased to offer my full and enthusiastic support for Med Center Health Russellville's application for FY2027 Community Project Funding to upgrade its patient call light system.

Med Center Health Russellville is an essential pillar of healthcare in our county, serving residents with dedication, professionalism, and compassion. Access to timely medical care is critical in our community, particularly for our aging population and individuals with seeking help regarding their health. Investing in a modern, reliable call light system is a direct investment in patient safety, quality of care, and operational efficiency.

An upgraded system will significantly enhance response times, improve communication between patients and clinical staff, and reduce the risk of preventable incidents such as falls or delayed assistance. It will also provide hospital leadership with valuable performance data to strengthen accountability and continuously improve patient outcomes. These improvements align with our county's commitment to advancing public health and ensuring that residents receive safe, high-quality care close to home.

This project represents a responsible and forward-thinking use of grant funds, with measurable and lasting benefits for patients, families, and healthcare professionals throughout our region. The impact will extend beyond hospital walls, reinforcing community confidence in our local healthcare infrastructure.

On behalf of the citizens of Logan County, I respectfully urge you to give this application your favorable consideration. Thank you for your commitment to supporting initiatives that strengthen rural and community healthcare systems.

Sincerely,
Phillip E. Baker


Logan County Judge Executive



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Mark Stratton

Mayor

March 5, 2026

Dear Congressman James Comer,

Pat Bell
Councilwoman

On behalf of the City of Russellville, I am writing to express my strong support for The Medical Center at Russellville's application for FY2027 Community Project Funding to replace its nurse call system, an essential component of patient safety and clinical communication.

Jimmy Davenport
Councilman

The hospital's current nurse call system has reached the end of its life cycle, and the manufacturer no longer produces replacement parts. As a result, when failures occur, the system can no longer be reliably repaired. These issues increasingly disrupt communication between patients and nursing staff, creating unnecessary risks in a rural hospital that already operates with limited resources and staffing challenges.

Rich Ewald
Councilman

The Medical Center at Russellville plays a vital role in providing healthcare services to our community and the surrounding region. A dependable nurse call system is critical to ensuring that patients can quickly communicate their needs and that nursing staff can respond promptly and efficiently. Replacing this outdated system will significantly improve patient safety, enhance staff response times, and support the hospital's ability to continue delivering quality care to the residents of our area.

Sandra Kinser
Councilwoman


As Mayor, I fully support this request and respectfully ask for your consideration and assistance in securing this important funding. Ensuring that our local hospital has the resources needed to maintain safe and reliable patient care is essential to the health and well-being of our community.

Diane Walker
Councilwoman

Thank you for your continued support of Russellville and rural healthcare across Kentucky.

Sincerely,

Larry Wilcutt
Councilman


Mark Stratton
Mayor City of Russellville