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The Honorable James Comer
2410 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for Kentucky Army National Guard Civil Support Team Ready Building project design

Dear Congressman Comer:

I write in support of the Kentucky Army National Guard's funding request for the Boone Center Civil Support Team Ready Building project design. This grant will be used only to design a Civil Support Team Ready Building. The facility design will incorporate administrative, training, and logistical requirements into the facility. Design will also include information and technology and utility connections, vehicle/equipment parking and egress, exterior lighting, and fencing.

The existing Civil Support Team Ready Building was constructed in 1999 on the Kentucky Air National Guard Base located adjacent to Standford Field in Louisville, KY to support the newly established mission. Construction occurred prior to the National Guard Bureau publishing of specific criteria for Ready Building design and construction. Since initial facility occupation, the Civil Support Team (with its equipment and vehicle footprint) has grown substantially resulting in the existing building providing only 21% of the space needed to house the personnel and equipment. The spatial shortfall is further exacerbated with the requirement to protect the modern emergency response vehicles with sensitive communications equipment from prolonged outdoor exposure.

Please give the highest consideration to the Kentucky Army National Guard's request for the Civil Support Team Ready Building project design.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Derrick W. Graham".

Derrick W. Graham
State Representative, 57th District