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### SHAWN MCPHERSON STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 22

March 10, 2026

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 support for the FY 2027 Community Project Funding request submitted by Med Center Health Scottsville (The Medical Center at Scottsville). The request seeks to acquire a three-dimensional (3-D) mammography system, also known as digital breast tomosynthesis, to restore breast cancer screening services in Allen County, Kentucky.

Med Center Health Scottsville previously operated an American College of Radiology accredited mammography program that served as a vital preventive health service for women in Allen County and surrounding rural communities. When the hospital's mammography equipment experienced an unrecoverable mechanical failure in 2025, local screening services were suspended, requiring residents to travel outside the county for routine breast cancer screenings.

Many rural residents face transportation challenges and other barriers that make traveling to other communities difficult, which can delay or prevent patients from receiving recommended screenings. Restoring mammography services locally will ensure that women in Allen County have access to timely breast cancer screenings and early detection close to home, and the addition of modern 3-D mammography technology will further strengthen healthcare access while reducing travel burdens and improving early detection across the region.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your continued support of healthcare access in Kentucky.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shawn McPherson".

Shawn McPherson  
State Representative  
22<sup>nd</sup> District

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# Commonwealth of Kentucky

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## SENATOR MAX WISE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER 16TH SENATE DISTRICT

March 9, 2026

Congressman James Comer  
2410 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Comer:

I am writing to express my strong support for the FY2027 Community Project Funding request submitted by **Med Center Health Scottsville (The Medical Center at Scottsville)** to acquire a **three-dimensional (3-D) mammography system**, also known as digital breast tomosynthesis, to restore breast cancer screening services in **Allen County, Kentucky**.

Med Center Health Scottsville previously operated an American College of Radiology accredited mammography program that served as a critical preventive healthcare service for women in Allen County and surrounding rural communities. In April 2025, the hospital's mammography equipment experienced a mechanical failure that could not be repaired, resulting in the suspension of these local screening services.

As a result, women in Allen County must now travel outside the county to receive mammography services, creating a significant barrier for many residents due to transportation limitations, work schedules, and caregiving responsibilities. Restoring local screening services will help ensure that women can access timely preventive care close to home.

Acquiring a new 3-D mammography system will restore this essential service, improve cancer detection through advanced imaging technology, and expand access to lifesaving screening for rural residents. This project will reduce travel burdens, address the current backlog of patients awaiting screening, and strengthen healthcare infrastructure serving women throughout Allen County and the surrounding region.

For these reasons, I strongly support this request and appreciate your consideration of this important investment in rural healthcare.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Max Wise".

Max Wise  
Kentucky State Senator  
Senate District 16



**DENNIS HARPER**  
ALLEN COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

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*Aylee Lovett*

**COUNTY TREASURER**  
*Jessica Cline*

March 5, 2026

Congressman James Comer  
2410 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Comer:

As the Judge/Executive of Allen County, I am writing to express my strong support for federal funding to assist The Medical Center at Scottsville in acquiring a three-dimensional (3-D) mammography system to restore breast cancer screening services for residents of Allen County.

Allen County is home to approximately 22,000 residents, many of whom live in rural areas where access to specialized healthcare services can be limited. Until April 2025, The Medical Center at Scottsville provided an American College of Radiology (ACR) accredited mammography program that served as a critical preventive health service for women throughout our county. Unfortunately, the facility's mammography unit experienced an unrecoverable mechanical failure, resulting in the suspension of these services.

As a result, residents must now travel outside the county, typically to Bowling Green, to obtain mammography screenings. This requires approximately 50 miles of round-trip travel and more than an hour of driving time, creating a significant barrier for many residents, particularly those with limited transportation options or demanding work schedules.

Local leaders have already seen the impact of this gap in services. There is currently a waiting list of approximately 100 women who prefer to receive their mammograms locally at The Medical Center at Scottsville but have declined appointments at other facilities due to travel barriers and other logistical challenges.

This federal investment of \$497,500 would allow the hospital to purchase and install a modern 3-D mammography system, restoring access to this vital preventive service while upgrading screening technology to the current standard of care. On behalf of Allen County Fiscal Court and the residents we serve, I respectfully request your support for this important project.

Sincerely,

  
Dennis Harper  
Allen County Judge/Executive



CITY OF  
**SCOTTSVILLE**

David Burch, Mayor

City Council Members  
Beverly Anderson  
Shane Blankenship  
Dr. Franklin Foster  
Heather Gatewood  
Dr. Mark Huntsman  
Michael Wilson

Date March 4, 2026

Congressman James Comer  
2410 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Comer:

As Mayor of the City of Scottsville, I am pleased to offer my strong support for the request to secure federal funding for a 3-D mammography system at The Medical Center at Scottsville.

The Medical Center at Scottsville plays a vital role in maintaining the health and wellbeing of residents throughout Allen County. When the hospital's mammography equipment failed in April 2025, our community lost an essential preventive healthcare service. Women must now travel to neighboring cities to receive screenings, often requiring significant travel time and time away from work or family responsibilities.

Restoring mammography services locally would benefit thousands of women in our community. It is estimated that approximately 3,000 women in Allen County should receive routine mammograms, and The Medical Center at Scottsville could provide 1,200 to 1,500 screenings annually once services are restored.

In addition, providing mammography locally would save patients significant time and travel. The Medical Center at Scottsville's mammography program can typically complete appointments in approximately 30 minutes compared to the two to three hours often required when residents must travel outside the county.

This project represents a critical investment in rural healthcare infrastructure and will ensure that women in Scottsville and surrounding communities have access to the same high-quality preventive services available in larger metropolitan areas.

Sincerely,

David Buch  
Mayor  
City of Scottsville



# Allen County

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

107 North Court Street  
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March 5, 2026

Congressman James Comer  
2410 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Comer:

As the Public Health Director of the Allen County Health Department, I am writing to express my strong support for federal funding to support the acquisition of a 3-D mammography system at The Medical Center at Scottsville.

Breast cancer remains one of the most common cancers affecting women in the United States, and access to early screening is essential for saving lives. Prior to April 2025, women in Allen County had convenient access to mammography services through the ACR-accredited program at The Medical Center at Scottsville. Since the loss of the facility's mammography unit, residents must travel outside the county to receive screening services.

In rural communities such as Allen County, Kentucky, many women face barriers including transportation challenges, limited healthcare facilities, and fewer available imaging services. Across Kentucky, only about **69% of women report receiving a mammogram within the past two years**, ranking the state **38th in the nation for screening rates**, which highlights a significant gap in preventive care. Rural areas are particularly affected, where long travel distances and limited appointment availability often delay screenings and lead to later-stage diagnoses.

Funding for a 3D mammography grant would significantly improve breast cancer detection and outcomes for women in Allen County. 3D mammography (breast tomosynthesis) has been shown to detect 20–65% more invasive breast cancers than traditional 2D mammography and can reduce follow-up call-backs for additional testing by up to 40%. This advanced technology provides a layered, three-dimensional view of breast tissue, allowing radiologists to identify tumors earlier and more accurately. By expanding access to 3D mammography locally, Allen County can increase screening participation, reduce diagnostic delays, and ensure that women in this rural community receive the same life-saving technology available in larger healthcare systems. Investing in this grant will help close critical healthcare gaps and support earlier detection, which is proven to improve survival and reduce the long-term cost of cancer care.

Providing advanced 3-D mammography technology will improve diagnostic accuracy and help ensure that women throughout Allen County have access to lifesaving preventive healthcare services close to home.

Sincerely,

David Scott Williams  
Public Health Director