

# Commonwealth of Kentucky

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**14TH SENATE DISTRICT**

March 20, 2024

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

Dear Representative Comer:

I would like to express my full support for the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission's application for the FY 2025 Community Project Fund Request.

It my understanding that the requested funds will be used for improvements of the Springfield industry park waterline and an elevated tank project. This project will provide clean and reliable water for the residents and businesses in Springfield and Washington County. The water tank will also provide water storage from two interconnections from the City of Danville and Lebanon Water Works Company. Due to the recent distillery growth, Springfield is in dire need of additional water storage. This project will help ensure that there is ample water both in volume and pressure in both communities as the residential, commercial, and industrial base continues to grow.

Thank you for giving full and fair consideration to the application submitted by the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission. If I can provide any additional information relating to the application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jimmy Higdon".

Senator Jimmy Higdon  
14<sup>th</sup> District

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# Commonwealth of Kentucky

## House of Representatives

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March 19, 2024

The Honorable James Comer  
United States House of Representatives  
2410 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-1701

RE: Springfield Water & Sewer Commission  
FY25 Community Project Funding – Springfield Industry Park Waterline Improvements  
& Elevated Tank Project

Dear Representative Comer:

I would like to express my full support of the Springfield Water & Sewer Commission's application for the FY25 Community Project Funding program.

The Springfield Industry Park Waterline Improvements & Elevated Tank Project is crucial for the Springfield Water & Sewer Commission to continue its dedication to providing clean and reliable water service to the residents and businesses of the City of Springfield and Washington County. The tank will also provide water storage from 2 new interconnections from the City of Danville and Lebanon Water Works Company. These interconnections are highly supported from the Kentucky Division of Water for communities to remain resilient during disasters as well as when issues arise with a community like a main break or an issue at the local water treatment plant. This project will allow Springfield and Washington County to grow from a treated water capacity standpoint for years to come.

Thank you for giving full and fair consideration to the application submitted by the Springfield Water & Sewer Commission. If I can provide any additional information relating to the application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim King".

Kim King  
State Representative



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Timothy E. Graves  
Judge Executive

The Honorable James Comer  
United States House of Representatives  
2410 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-1701

RE: Springfield Water & Sewer Commission  
FY25 Community Project Funding – Springfield Industry Park Waterline  
Improvements & Elevated Tank Project

Dear Honorable Representative Comer:

I am writing to express my support of the Springfield Water & Sewer Commission's Industry Park Waterline Improvements & Elevated Tank Project. This project is crucial for our community to stay resilient during peak water usage times and to provide growth opportunities in key residential and industrial areas. Many businesses are making significant investments in Washington County and are creating new jobs. Currently Springfield has multiple distilleries under construction and one additional distillery is planning to make an announcement very soon. Nearly \$150 million of investment has already been committed and that number will double when the other distillery makes their announcement. As far as jobs are concerned, the distilleries under construction will bring 70 high paying jobs to Washington County and again that number will double once the other announcement is made.

This project has two main components. First, a new 500,000-gallon tank will be constructed in the current Springfield city zone. The second component to the project is adding a booster pump station near an existing tank on the city zone and creating a new pressure zone around the industrial park to supply water at a higher pressure to the new distilleries and other industrial customers. Another additional benefit of the project is that Springfield Water and Sewer Commission is currently working with Lebanon Water Works and the City of Danville to provide a connection to their water system. The projects should be complete and in service by the summer of this year. The new tank and booster station will be able work with these regional partners to get their treated water into this new pressure plane for purposes of redundancy. These regional water initiatives allow communities to become more resilient by working together.

In summary, our community is growing, and jobs are being created. The State and Tribal Assistance Grant that the Springfield Water & Sewer Commission is applying for will help all of Washington County for a long time to come and will position our community for growth.

Thank you for your time and service to our community.

Sincerely,

**Kentucky**  
UNBRIDLED SPIRIT



City of Springfield  
127 W. Main Street  
Springfield, Kentucky 40069

Chris Essex  
Mayor

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March 20, 2024

The Honorable James Comer  
United States House of Representatives  
2410 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-1701

RE: Springfield Water & Sewer Commission.  
FY25 Community Project Funding – Springfield Industry Park Waterline Improvements  
& Elevated Tank Project

Dear Honorable Representative Comer:

I am writing to express my support of the Springfield Industry Park Waterline Improvements & Elevated Tank Project. This project is necessary for the Springfield Water & Sewer Commission to continue its dedication to providing the best water service to our city and its residents. The Springfield Industry Park Waterline Improvements & Elevated Tank Project will help our growing industrial base in the city by ensuring that there is ample water both in volume and pressure.

Our community is growing, and jobs are being created. Multiple distillery projects are currently under construction and at least one more large distillery project is nearing announcement. While I realize that there are numerous requests made to you and so many needs, the State and Tribal Assistance Grant that the Springfield Water & Sewer Commission is applying for will help all of Springfield for a long time to come.

Thank you for your time and service to our community.

Sincerely,

Chris Essex  
Mayor

**POTTER JANE DISTILLING Co.**  
**SPRINGFIELD, KENTUCKY**

The Honorable James Comer  
United States House of Representatives  
2410 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-1701

RE: Springfield Water and Sewer FY25 Community Project Funding – Springfield  
Industrial Park Waterline Improvements & Elevated Tank Project

Dear Congressman Comer:

The purpose of this letter is to provide support and information that the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission needs regarding a request they will be submitting to you for FY25 Community Project Funding. The Springfield industrial park waterline improvements & elevated tank Project will support current needs and allow for continued economic growth and opportunity for this community, and will be essential to our future needs.

We intend to have the following economic impact in the Springfield, Washington County area. We anticipate creating 40 new jobs within the first 36 months of beginning our operation. Long Term from 4 years to 9 years we estimate hiring an additional 40 employees. Our private investment within the first 36 months is estimated to be \$80 million. Long term from 4 years to 9 years we anticipate additional private investment of \$50 million. Our average salary at the facility will be \$90,000 per year.

Potter Jane Distilling Company will distill and mature various American Whiskey mash bills, with a specific focus on Kentucky Bourbon Whiskey. The average production in the first years of operation will be approximately 45,000 barrels per year, and access to a clean and available supply of water is crucial to our operation. Thank you for your consideration of this request, we are excited to build on the economic momentum and prosperity in the Springfield community for many years to come.

Sincerely,



Dennis P. Potter  
Co-Owner  
Potter Jane Distilling Co.



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March 25, 2024

The Honorable James Comer  
United States House of Representatives  
2410 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-1701

RE: Springfield Water & Sewer Commission

FY25 Community Project Funding – Springfield Industry Park Waterline Improvements & Elevated Tank Project

Dear Honorable Representative Comer:

I am attaching our State and Tribal Assistance Grant application that the Springfield Water & Sewer Commission is applying for. The Springfield Industry Park Waterline Improvements & Elevated Tank Project is a significant project for our community, and it will help all of Washington County meet capacity challenges that we are currently experiencing and will position us for growth opportunities in the future as we continue to grow. The tank is critical to provide adequate storage in the downtown pressure zone and the booster pump station will create a new pressure zone to increase pressure to the area along the industrial park and Mackville Rd where the new distilleries will be located.

Thank you for your time and service to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daren Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Daren Thompson MBA, MPM  
General Manager

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The Honorable James Comer  
United States House of Representatives  
2410 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-1701

RE: Springfield Water and Sewer FY25 Community Project Funding - Springfield  
Industrial Park Waterline Improvements & Elevated Tank Project

Dear Congressman Comer:

The purpose of this letter is to provide support and information that the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission needs regarding a request they will be submitting to you for FY25 Community Project Funding. The Springfield industrial park waterline improvements & elevated tank Project will support current needs and allow for continued economic growth and opportunity for this community, and will be essential to our future needs.

Kentucky Bourbon Distillers Ltd. dba. Willett Distillery is building an additional distillery, and five barrel warehouses in the Springfield, Washington County area. Already we have completed the first of five planned warehouses and we began rolling barrels of whiskey into our first Springfield warehouse in October. We anticipate creating 35 new jobs within the first 36 months of beginning our operation. Our private investment within the first 36 months is estimated to exceed \$75 million. Our average salary at the facility will be \$55,850 per year and all full-time employees will be eligible for a robust benefits package.

Established over 80 years ago, Willett Distillery is a family owned and truly family operated distillery that produces both bourbon and rye whiskey. At our Bardstown location all stages of whiskey production take place, from milling grains to bottling. In addition to making whiskey, we welcome over 80,000 guest annually to our Bardstown facility. Our hospitality program includes tours, an espresso bar, patio bar and full restaurant. These gas line upgrades are essential to our future plans and we are excited for the promise of future possibilities our new Springfield home provides. Thank you for your consideration of this important project. We can't make Kentucky Bourbon without good Kentucky limestone water.

Mark Zoeller  
Chief Financial Officer  
Kentucky Bourbon Distillers Ltd.

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THOUSAND ACRES DISTILLING COMPANY  
TWO CHIMNEYS RESORT & SPA

March 20, 2024

The Honorable James Comer  
United States House of Representatives  
2410 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-1701

RE: Springfield Water & Sewer Commission  
FY25 Community Project Funding - Springfield Industry Park Waterline  
Improvements & Elevated Tank Project

Dear Representative Comer:

As a former state representative for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, like yourself, I understand the importance of hearing directly from your constituents. Therefore, I am writing in support of the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission's request for FY25 Community Project Funding. Not only will the Springfield industrial park waterline improvements & elevated tank Project support current needs and allow for continued economic growth and opportunity for this community, but this project will also greatly assist our current development that is under way in Washington County.

My family along with other investors are developing something unique to Kentucky - an actual resort - that will create more than 150 new jobs in Washington County over the next few years. The project encompasses two phases, a boutique hotel phase and a distillery phase. In the Two Chimneys Resort and Spa phase we will build 40 villas, 20 cabins, an equestrian center, numerous outdoor activities, a sporting club with sporting clays course and a full service spa.

The Thousand Acres Distilling phase, which breaks ground next month, includes a small distillery, rick house, blending room and members lounge. Our private investment within the first 24 months is estimated to be \$16 million. Long term from 3 years to 5 years we anticipate additional private investment of \$200 million.

The new water tank is crucial to the functioning of the Two Chimneys Resort and Spa and the related Thousand Acres Distilling Company. Without the assurance of the water supply, the resort project cannot provide the level of service and amenities that tourists traveling through the Commonwealth will expect. Similarly, as you can imagine, a distillery cannot operate without clean and consistent water.



Thank you for your consideration of this request, we are excited to build on the economic momentum of the Bourbon Trail and support Washington County's continued growth. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Chad McCoy', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

D. Chad McCoy, Manager  
(502) 507-1856