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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 Lebanon Water Works Company's application for FY 2025 Community Project Fund Request.

It my understanding that the requested funds will be used for the Lebanon water storage tank known as the Northside Tank Project. This project will provide clean and reliable water for the residents and businesses in Lebanon and Marion County. The water tank will also provide water storage for the new interconnection with the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission. This project will help ensure that there is ample water 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 Lebanon Water Works Company. 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
14th District

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MICHAEL "SARGE" POLLOCK
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

March 25, 2024

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

RE: Lebanon Water Works Company
FY 2025 Community Project Funding – Lebanon Water Storage Tank - Northside Tank Project

Dear Representative Comer:

I would like to express my full support of the Lebanon Water Works Company's application for the FY 2025 Community Project Funding program.

The Lebanon Water Storage Tank—Northside Tank Project is crucial for the Lebanon Water Works Company to continue its dedication to providing clean and reliable water service to the residents and businesses of the City of Lebanon and Marion County. The tank will also provide water storage for the new interconnection with the Springfield Water & Sewer Commission to serve customers in Springfield and Washington County. This will help ensure that there is ample water both in volume and pressure in both communities as our residential, commercial, and industrial base continues to grow.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael S. Pollock".

Michael "Sarge" Pollock
State Representative
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The Honorable James Comer
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, D.C. 20515-1701

RE: Lebanon Water Works Company
FY25 Community Project Funding – FY25 Community Project Funding – Lebanon Water Storage
Tank - Northside Tank Project

Dear Honorable Representative Comer:

I am writing to express my support of the Lebanon Water Works Company'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 Marion County and are creating new jobs. Currently, Marion County has one large distillery under construction, and many existing businesses are making additional investments.

The Lebanon Water Works Company is proposing to construct a new 500,000-gallon tank on the north side of Lebanon. This new tank would allow for growth on the north side of Lebanon. It would specifically support the Pernod Ricard distillery currently under construction and other growing businesses on the north side of Lebanon such as TG Kentucky, and Kentucky Cooperage. Another additional benefit of the project is that Springfield Water and Sewer Commission is currently working with Lebanon Water Works Company and the City of Danville to provide a connection to their water system. Both projects should be complete and in service by this year's summer. The new northside tank would allow Springfield Water & Sewer Commission to pull more water from Lebanon during high usage times or times of emergency. 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 Lebanon Water Works Company is applying for will help all of Marion 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Daugherty".

David Daugherty
Marion County Judge Executive



CITY OF LEBANON

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The Honorable James Comer
United States House of Representatives
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RE: Lebanon Water Works Company
FY25 Community Project Funding – Lebanon Water Storage Tank - Northside
Tank Project

Dear Honorable Representative Comer:

I am writing to express my support of the Lebanon Water Storage Tank - Northside Tank Project. This project is necessary for the Lebanon Water Works to continue its dedication to providing the best water service to our city and its residents. The Lebanon Water Storage Tank - Northside 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. Pernod Ricard is currently under construction with a large distillery project in the city limits making nearly a \$200 million investment initially and creating 55 new jobs in the first 3 years. While I realize that there are numerous requests made to you and so many needs, the State and Tribal Assistance Grant that the Lebanon Water Works is applying for will help all of Lebanon for a long time to come.

Thank you for your time and service to our community.

Sincerely,

Gary D. Crenshaw , Mayor



March 25, 2024

The Honorable James Comer
United States House of Representatives
2410 Rayburn House Office Building
District of Columbia 20515

Dear Representative Comer,

I am writing in support of the Lebanon Water Works Company's application for the FY25 Community Project Funding program. The Lebanon Water Storage Tank – Northside Tank Project is necessary for Marion County to be able to continue demonstrating economic growth and community development. Not only is water a major contributing factor to the quality of life for our citizens, but it is also a vital part of economic development and plays an important role in the recruitment of new businesses. Marion County has a rich history of economic development success over the last few decades, as we are home to more than forty industrial companies.

We have a remarkably diverse industrial base in Marion County that includes automotive suppliers, lumber mills, plastics manufacturers, agriculture, as well as others who continue to expand their operations and create new jobs in our community, consistently increasing the demand for more water.

Thank you very much for your consideration to help support this project, and we appreciate everything you do for our Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brooklyn Leep". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brooklyn Leep
Executive Director, Marion County Economic Development



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

RE: Lebanon Water Works Company
FY25 Community Project Funding – Lebanon Water Storage Tank -
Northside Tank Project

Dear Honorable Representative Comer:

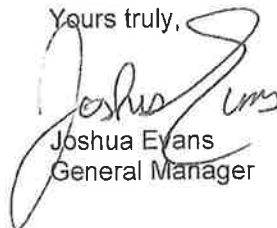
We are writing to provide support and information that the City of Lebanon, Kentucky needs regarding a grant application that is to be submitted for the FY25 Community Project Funding. Lebanon Water Works Company will be applying for funds to install a five-hundred thousand gallon elevated water tank on the north side of Lebanon. The new tank is essential to our current and future needs.

As one of the largest employers in Lebanon, we anticipate significant expansion and production upgrades in the next several years. In the past year alone, we have invested \$4,000,000 for an expansion that created 15 new jobs.

Kentucky Cooperage relies heavily on the water source provided by the Lebanon Water Works Company in the production and testing of our bourbon barrels. Also, this water source is crucial to the sprinkler systems in our facility. With approval of this project, we would essentially be saving 464 jobs; subsequently, this has a substantial economic impact in the Lebanon, Marion County area.

Kentucky Cooperage would greatly appreciate your consideration of the Lebanon Water Works FY25 Community Project Funding application. As a member of our manufacturing community, I can attest to the benefits this upgrade would provide all industrial business partners in our area.

Yours truly,



Joshua Evans
General Manager

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Tank Project

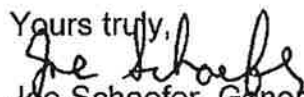
Dear Honorable Representative Comer:

The purpose of this letter is to provide support and information that the Lebanon Water Works Company needs regarding the application they will be submitting to you regarding the FY25 Community Project Funding. The Lebanon Water Works Company is requesting funding to install a 500,000 gallon elevated water tank on the north side of Lebanon. The new tank and additional transmission lines are essential to our current and future needs.

We intend to have the following economic impact in the Lebanon, Marion County area. We anticipate creating 10 new jobs within the first 36 months of beginning our operation. Long Term from 4 years to 9 years we estimate hiring an additional 30 employees. The project will enable us to save 90 jobs. Our private investment within the first 36 months is estimated to be \$3 million. Long term from 4 years to 9 years we anticipate additional private investment of \$10 million. Our average salary at the facility will be \$45 K per year.

American Wood Fibers produces pet bedding. This includes paper bedding, cedar shavings, and pine shavings. We sell to the retail industry and have over \$28 million in annual revenues out of this facility. We have invested over \$14 million dollars in this facility in the past 3 years and will continue to do so.

Yours truly,



Joe Schaefer, General Manager, American Wood Fibers

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March 21, 2024

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

RE: Lebanon Water Works Company
FY25 Community Project Funding – Lebanon Water Storage Tank -
Northside Tank Project

Dear Honorable Representative Comer:

The purpose of this letter is to provide support and information that the Lebanon Water Works Company needs regarding the application they will be submitting to you regarding the FY25 Community Project Funding. The Lebanon Water Works Company is requesting funding to install a 500,000 gallon elevated water tank on the north side of Lebanon. The new tank and additional transmission lines are essential to our current and future needs.

We intend to have the following economic impact in the Lebanon, Marion County area. We anticipate creating 55 new jobs within the first 36 months of beginning our operation. Long Term from 4 years to 9 years we estimate hiring an additional 10 employees. Our private investment within the first 36 months is estimated to be \$196 million. Long term from 4 years to 9 years we anticipate additional private investment of \$54 million. Our average salary at the facility will be \$90,000 per year. We anticipate 50,000 visitors to the Brand Home annually.

The initial investment by Pernod Ricard will include a 75,000 square foot distillery, three 55,000 square feet warehouses and a brand home on a 265-acre site. The distillery will produce 7.5 million proof-gallons and fill 115,000 barrels annually.

Best regards,

Tom Neiheisel

Tom Neiheisel Project Manager Pernod Ricard





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The Honorable James Comer
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RE: Lebanon Water Works Company
FY25 Community Project Funding – FY25 Community Project Funding –
Lebanon Water Storage Tank - Northside Tank Project

Dear Honorable Representative Comer:

I am attaching our State and Tribal Assistance Grag application that the Lebanon Water Works is applying for. The Lebanon Water Storage Tank - Northside Tank Project is a significant project for our community and it will help all of Marion 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 new tank will also allow Lebanon Water Works to provide an emergency source of treated water to the Springfield Water & Sewer Commission to increase resiliency during high demand or times of emergency.

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, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Daren Thompson MBA, MPM
General Manager



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United States House of Representatives
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RE: FY 2025 Congressional Appropriation Requests

Dear Representative Comer,

I am writing to support the following regional projects for your consideration in the congressional appropriation process for FY 2025.

Marion County

- Lebanon Water Works Storage Tank – Northside
- Emergency Services Communications Upgrade and Backup Dispatch Center

Washington County

- Springfield/Washington County Gas Line Expansion and Extension
- Springfield Industry Park Waterline Improvements & Elevated Tank
- New Washington County Emergency Services Building

Over the next five years, outside economic investment in the LTADD eight-county region will be measured in **BILLIONS** of dollars, a rare opportunity. This economic tidal wave must be a soft landing to ensure our place on the national stage is not abdicated. These projects will support the continued growth in a region's trajectory that is already experiencing accelerated economic growth.

These projects will serve as a valuable **REGIONAL** asset to achieve our mutual economic and socio-economic goals. Our region is well-positioned for extraordinary growth and economic resiliency. However, we must have the support and resources necessary to be successful together. Thank you in advance for your kind attention and consideration regarding these projects in the Lincoln Trail Region.

Sincerely,

Daniel London
Executive Director