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**SENATOR ROBBY MILLS
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March 11, 2026

The Honorable James Comer
2410 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Comer:

On behalf of Senate District 04, I am writing to express our strong support for Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville's request for Congressional Community Project Funding (CPF) in the amount of **\$12,000,000.00** for the renovation and expansion of the Emergency Department in Madisonville, KY.

This project will renovate the existing Emergency Department, expanding and modernizing the space to better meet the healthcare needs of those in our region. The updated design will not just equip the Emergency Department for routine illnesses, but for trauma, cardiac events, stroke, behavioral health crises, and natural disasters.

Our hospital serves not only Madisonville, but also surrounding counties across western Kentucky. As the population ages and chronic disease rates remain high, emergency care demand continues to rise. Without expansion, overcrowding and extended wait times will only increase. By increasing capacity, improving triage efficiency, and modernizing care spaces, Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville can reduce delays and ensure that every patient, whether experiencing a minor injury or a life-threatening event, receives timely, appropriate attention.

The proposed Emergency Department expansion and renovation is about preparedness, safety, and ultimately, it is about saving lives in western Kentucky.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge your support of this Congressional Community Project Funding request.

Commonwealth of Kentucky

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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March 10, 2026

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

Dear Congressman Comer:

As the state representative for District 4, I am writing to express my strong support for Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville's request for Congressional Community Project Funding in the amount of \$12 million for the renovation and expansion of the Emergency Department in Madisonville, Kentucky.

This project will renovate the existing Emergency Department, expanding and modernizing the space to better meet the health care needs of those in my region. The updated design will not just equip the Emergency Department for routine illnesses, but for trauma, cardiac events, stroke, behavioral health crises, and natural disasters.

In addition to Madisonville, the hospital serves surrounding counties in western Kentucky. As the population ages and chronic disease rates remain high, emergency care demand continues to rise. Without expansion, overcrowding and extended wait times will only increase. By increasing capacity, improving triage efficiency, and modernizing care spaces, Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville can reduce delays and ensure that every patient, whether experiencing a minor injury or a life-threatening event, receives timely, appropriate attention.

The proposed Emergency Department expansion and renovation is about preparedness, safety, and ultimately, it is about saving lives in western Kentucky. For these reasons, I respectfully urge your support of this Congressional Community Project Funding request. Thank you for your continued leadership and for your commitment to strengthening communities across Kentucky's 1st Congressional District.

Sincerely,

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Wade Williams
State Representative
District 4

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

Dear Congressman Comer,

On behalf of Hopkins County, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Emergency Department Expansion and Renovation at Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville.

As the primary regional healthcare provider for Hopkins County and much of Western Kentucky, Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville plays a vital role in protecting the health and safety of our residents. The hospital's emergency department serves thousands of patients each year and is often the first point of care for individuals experiencing life-threatening trauma, cardiac events, behavioral health crises, and other urgent medical conditions.

For rural communities like ours, access to reliable and timely emergency medical care is essential. Many of our residents depend on Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville as the closest full-service hospital capable of handling complex emergencies. Expanding and modernizing the emergency department will help ensure that patients receive faster care, improve patient flow, and provide the space needed for advanced equipment and updated treatment areas.

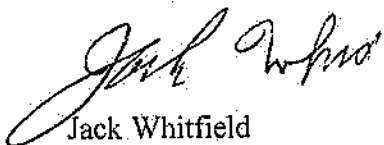
This project is also critical to strengthening our region's disaster response capacity. Hopkins County and surrounding communities are no strangers to natural disasters and large-scale emergencies. The devastating tornadoes that struck Western Kentucky in December 2021 demonstrated just how important it is for our regional healthcare facilities to be prepared to respond quickly and effectively during times of crisis. A larger, modernized emergency department will provide the flexibility and capacity needed to care for multiple patients during disasters while ensuring the safety of both patients and healthcare professionals.

Investing in this expansion will directly support public safety and help ensure that residents across Hopkins County and the surrounding region have dependable access to high-quality emergency care when it matters most.

Hopkins County strongly supports this important project, and I respectfully ask for your consideration and support for funding opportunities that will help make this expansion possible.

Thank you for your continued leadership and your commitment to strengthening healthcare access for rural communities.

Sincerely,



Jack Whitfield
Hopkins County Judge Executive



March 9, 2026

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

Dear Congressman Comer:

On behalf of Madisonville Community College, I am writing to express our strong support for Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville's request for Congressional Community Project Funding (CPF) of **\$12,000,000.00** for the renovation and expansion of the Emergency Department in Madisonville, KY.

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Thank you for your continued leadership and for your commitment to strengthening communities across Kentucky's First Congressional District.

Sincerely,

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March 9, 2026

The Honorable James Comer
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Dear Congressman Comer:

On behalf of the City of Hanson, Kentucky, I am writing to express our strong support for Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville's request for Congressional Community Project Funding (CPF) in the amount of **\$12,000,000.00** for the renovation and expansion of the Emergency Department in Madisonville, KY.

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For these reasons, we respectfully urge your support of this Congressional Community Project Funding request.

Thank you for your continued leadership and for your commitment to strengthening communities across Kentucky's First Congressional District.

Sincerely,



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March 6, 2026

The Honorable James Comer
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Dear Congressman Comer:

On behalf of the Pennyrile Area Development District (Pennyrile ADD), I am writing to express our strong support for Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville's request for Congressional Community Project Funding (CPF) in the amount of \$12,000,000 for the renovation and expansion of the Emergency Department in Madisonville, Kentucky.

As the regional planning and development organization serving nine counties across western Kentucky, the Pennyrile ADD works closely with our local governments, healthcare providers, and community partners to strengthen infrastructure and improve quality of life for residents throughout the region. Access to timely, high-quality emergency medical care is a critical component of that mission.

This project will renovate and expand the existing Emergency Department, modernizing the facility and increasing its capacity to better meet the healthcare needs of residents across the Pennyrile region. The updated design will ensure the department is equipped not only for routine illnesses and injuries, but also for trauma cases, cardiac emergencies, stroke treatment, behavioral health crises, and natural disasters.

Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville serves as a key healthcare hub for the Pennyrile region. As our population continues to age and chronic disease rates remain high, demand for emergency care is steadily increasing. Without expansion, overcrowding and extended wait times will continue to challenge the delivery of timely care. By increasing treatment capacity, improving triage efficiency, and modernizing care spaces, this project will help ensure that patients throughout the region receive prompt and appropriate medical attention when they need it most.

The proposed renovation and expansion represents an important investment in regional preparedness, public safety, and the long-term health of western Kentucky communities.

Thank you for your continued leadership and for your commitment to strengthening communities across Kentucky's First Congressional District.

Sincerely,

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Jason Vincent
Executive Director

A REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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CITY OF DAWSON SPRINGS

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Jenny Sewell, Mayor
Julie Sellers, City Administrator
Martha Hamby, City Clerk

March 6, 2026

Congressman James Comer
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Dear Congressman Comer,

On behalf of the City of Dawson Springs, Kentucky, I am writing to express our strong support for the Emergency Department Expansion and Renovation project at Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville.

For communities like Dawson Springs, access to reliable and timely emergency medical care is essential to protecting the health and safety of our residents. Rural communities depend heavily on regional healthcare providers, and Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville serves as a critical hub for emergency services for Hopkins County and surrounding areas, including Dawson Springs.

Our community understands firsthand the importance of strong emergency response systems. In December 2021, Dawson Springs experienced a devastating tornado that required an extraordinary response from emergency personnel and healthcare providers throughout the region. During times of disaster and crisis, having a well-equipped, modern Emergency Department with the capacity to respond quickly and effectively can make a life-saving difference.

The proposed expansion and renovation will strengthen the hospital's ability to respond to trauma cases, cardiac emergencies, behavioral health crises, and other urgent medical needs. Increasing capacity and modernizing the facility will also help improve patient flow, support advanced medical equipment, and ensure healthcare professionals have the resources they need to care for patients during both everyday emergencies and large-scale disasters.

For rural residents, reliable emergency services are not simply a convenience, they are a necessity. Many of our citizens must travel outside of their immediate community to access advanced medical care, making the strength of regional hospitals like Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville vital to the overall safety and well-being of our population.

Investing in this project will enhance public safety, strengthen disaster response capabilities, and help ensure that residents across Western Kentucky continue to have access to high-quality emergency care when it matters most. The City of Dawson Springs strongly supports this important project and respectfully encourages your consideration and support for funding opportunities that will help bring this expansion to fruition. Thank you for your continued leadership and your commitment to the health and safety of rural Kentucky communities.

Sincerely,

Jenny Sewell, Mayor
City of Dawson Springs, Kentucky

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March 9, 2026
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Dear Congressman Comer:

As a Madisonville resident and the Senior Program Director for Western Kentucky with Air Evac Lifeteam, I am writing to express my strong support for Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville's request for Congressional Community Project Funding (CPF) to renovate and expand the Emergency Department.

In my role, I work closely with emergency medical services across western Kentucky, and I see firsthand the increasing demands placed on our regional healthcare system. The current Emergency Department is operating beyond its intended capacity, and the need for modernization is urgent. This project will expand and update the facility to better manage the full spectrum of emergencies we encounter daily—trauma, cardiac events, stroke, behavioral health crises, and large-scale incidents.

Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville is not only my community hospital; it is a critical regional hub serving multiple counties throughout western Kentucky. With an aging population and persistently high rates of chronic illness, emergency care needs continue to rise. Without expansion, overcrowding and extended wait times will only worsen, placing patients and providers at risk. Increasing capacity, improving triage efficiency, and modernizing treatment areas will directly reduce delays and ensure that every patient—whether facing a minor injury or a life-threatening emergency—receives timely, appropriate care.

For those of us who live and work here, this project is about preparedness, safety, and saving lives. Strengthening the Emergency Department strengthens the entire region's ability to respond to medical crises and protect the health of our communities.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge your support for this Congressional Community Project Funding request.

Thank you for your continued leadership and for your commitment to the people of Kentucky's First Congressional District.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Damon Fleming, Superintendent

Congressman James Comer
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Comer:

On behalf of the students, families, educators, and staff of the Hopkins County School System, I would like to express our strong support for the proposed renovation and expansion of the Emergency Department at Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville.

Reliable access to high-quality emergency medical care plays a critical role in the health and safety of our school communities. Every day, thousands of students and staff participate in classroom learning, athletics, transportation, and extracurricular activities. Knowing that dependable emergency services are close by provides important reassurance when serious injuries, sudden illness, or other medical emergencies arise.

Expanding the emergency department will help ensure that our region is better equipped to respond to trauma, cardiac emergencies, behavioral health situations, and other urgent medical needs. Additional space and updated equipment will enhance the hospital's ability to provide timely, effective care for patients, including students and staff who may require immediate medical attention.

This investment will also strengthen our community's preparedness for large-scale emergencies or natural disasters. Schools often serve as gathering locations or shelters during regional crises, making the presence of a strong, well-equipped emergency facility nearby essential for coordinated response efforts and public safety.

Our district greatly values the partnerships we share with local healthcare providers who work every day to support the health of our children and families. The planned improvements to emergency services at Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville will positively impact not only our schools, but the entire community that depends on prompt access to quality care.

Thank you for your continued commitment to improving healthcare resources and supporting the well-being of the communities you serve. Additionally, thank you for your service to our country and to the great Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Sincerely,

Jason E. Clark
Assistant Superintendent
Hopkins County Board of Education

Hopkins County

REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Champion for Business | Advocate for Community

March 9, 2026

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

Dear Congressman Comer:

On behalf of The Hopkins County Regional Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express our strong support for Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville's request for Congressional Community Project Funding (CPF) for the renovation and expansion of the Emergency Department in Madisonville, KY.

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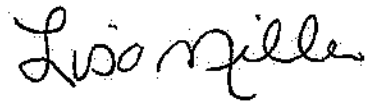
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For these reasons, we respectfully urge your support of this Congressional Community Project Funding request.

Thank you for your continued leadership and for your commitment to strengthening communities across Kentucky's First Congressional District.

Sincerely,



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March 9, 2026

The Honorable James Comer
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Dear Congressman Comer:

On behalf of Pennyriple Children's Advocacy Center, I am writing to express our strong support for Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville's request for Congressional Community Project Funding (CPF) for the renovation and expansion of the Emergency Department in Madisonville, KY.

This project will renovate the existing Emergency Department, expanding and modernizing the space to better meet the healthcare needs for children and adults in our region. The updated design will not just equip the Emergency Department for routine illnesses, but for trauma, cardiac events, stroke, behavioral health crises, and natural disasters.

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Pennyriple Children's Advocacy serves a nine-county region with Hopkins County being our second largest county. Because of this reason, we have established a satellite office in Madisonville to help meet the needs of children who have been victimized. Our understanding is Baptist Health Deaconess is actively working toward a Pediatric SANE unit for Hopkins and surrounding counties served. Due to the nature of our work, we can't express how important this is for children who have been sexually abused and are trying to deal with the unfathomable traumas we see every day. It is our hopes, with this much needed renovation and expansion, we will finally see this unit become a reality! Make no mistake, pediatric cases are on the rise across the Pennyriple region and we must do everything we can to meet those needs.

*Serving children and families in
Caldwell, Christian, Crittenden, Hopkins, Muhlenberg, Livingston, Lyon, Todd and Trigg
Counties*

March 9, 2026

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2410 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Comer:

On behalf of the West Kentucky Healthcare Coalition, I am writing to express our strong support for Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville's request for Congressional Community Project Funding (CPF) for the renovation and expansion of the Emergency Department in Madisonville, KY.

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For these reasons, we respectfully urge your support of this Congressional Community Project Funding request.

Thank you for your continued leadership and for your commitment to strengthening communities across Kentucky's First Congressional District.

Sincerely,

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March 9, 2026

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

Dear Congressman Comer:

On behalf of Medical Center Ambulance Service, I am writing to express our strong support for Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville's request for Congressional Community Project Funding (CPF) for the renovation and expansion of the Emergency Department in Madisonville, KY.

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Thank you for your continued leadership and for your commitment to strengthening communities across Kentucky's First Congressional District.

Sincerely,

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March 9, 2026

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

Dear Congressman Comer:

On behalf of the citizens of Webster County, I am writing to express our strong support for Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville's request for Congressional Community Project Funding (CPF) for the renovation and expansion of the Emergency Department in Madisonville, KY.

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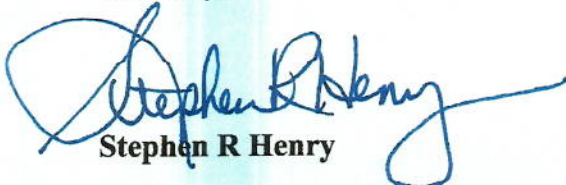
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For these reasons, we respectfully urge your support of this Congressional Community Project Funding request.

Thank you for your continued leadership and for your commitment to strengthening communities across Kentucky's First Congressional District.

Sincerely,



Stephen R Henry

Webster County Judge Executive

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

I am writing to offer my support for the Emergency Department Expansion and Renovation Project at Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville. Strengthening this department is vital for our community, particularly for women of childbearing age, pregnant women, postpartum women, and those affected by substance use disorders (SUD).

For many women, the Emergency Department is the first, and sometimes only, point of access to care during pregnancy or after delivery. This is especially true for those navigating opioid use or other substance-related challenges. In these critical moments, patients may need urgent medical stabilization, a private and secure environment, and immediate connection to maternal and behavioral health services. The current ED layout limits our ability to consistently provide privacy, dignity, and trauma-informed support these situations demand.

Expanded and modernized facilities will create calm, secure treatment areas with additional rooms, enabling clinical teams to respond quickly and safely to urgent maternal health conditions. This includes pregnant and postpartum women experiencing withdrawal, overdose, or co-occurring mental health concerns. Improved spaces and faster response times are not simply conveniences; they are essential components of safe, life-saving care for vulnerable individuals in crisis.

Increasing the Emergency Department's capacity also has preventative benefits. Prompt treatment and coordinated support can reduce the risks associated with untreated substance use, including preterm birth, neonatal abstinence syndrome, and serious maternal health complications.

This project is more than a renovation. It is an investment in the safety, health, and future of women, infants, and families in our region. A modernized ED will ensure that patients at every stage of pregnancy and postpartum receive respectful, evidence-based care when they need it most.

I support this project and strongly encourage its approval and funding.

Sincerely,



Lori Davis, RN

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March 5, 2026

The Honorable James Comer
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Dear Congressman Comer:

On behalf of Hopkins County Emergency Management, I am writing to express our strong support for Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville's request for Congressional Community Project Funding (CPF) for the renovation and expansion of the Emergency Department in Madisonville, KY.

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For these reasons, we respectfully urge your support of this Congressional Community Project Funding request.

Thank you for your continued leadership and for your commitment to strengthening communities across Kentucky's First Congressional District.

Sincerely,



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March 4, 2026

Congressman James Comer
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Dear Congressman Comer:

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Emergency Department Expansion and Renovation Project at Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville. This project represents a critical investment in the health and safety of the community, particularly for individuals experiencing behavioral health crises, substance use disorders, or opioid-related emergencies.

As you know, emergency departments have become the frontline of care for individuals with substance or opioid use disorders, many of whom arrive in crisis, overdose situations, or with co-occurring mental health needs. The current ED infrastructure at Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville is operating beyond capacity, which creates challenges in ensuring timely treatment, privacy, and safe environments for both patients and staff. The planned expansion and renovation will directly address these challenges by increasing treatment capacity, enhancing care coordination for substance use disorders, strengthening community response to the Opioid Epidemic, and creating safe trauma-informed spaces.

In addition to clinical improvements, the new ED layout will significantly reduce patient wait times, improve staff workflow, and provide the modern infrastructure required to meet growing community needs. These improvements are not merely building upgrades, they are life-saving measures at a time when substance and opioid-related emergencies remain a major public health concern.

For these reasons, I offer my full support for the Emergency Department Expansion and Renovation Project at Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville. This investment will ensure that individuals facing substance or opioid use disorders receive compassionate, timely, and comprehensive care at their most vulnerable moments. Thank you for considering this essential project. I urge you to support and fund this much-needed initiative for the well-being of the communities the hospital serves.

March 9, 2026

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

Dear Congressman Comer:

On behalf of the City of Madisonville, I am writing to express our strong support for Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville's request for Congressional Community Project Funding (CPF) for the renovation and expansion of the Emergency Department in Madisonville, KY.

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The proposed Emergency Department expansion and renovation is about preparedness, safety, and ultimately, it is about saving lives in western Kentucky.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge your support of this Congressional Community Project Funding request.

Thank you for your continued leadership and for your commitment to strengthening communities across Kentucky's First Congressional District.

Sincerely,



Kevin Cotton
Mayor



CITY OF
Madisonville
FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jason Eli
FIRE CHIEF

Jeff Mayfield
ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

March 9, 2026

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

Dear Congressman Comer:

On behalf of the Madisonville Fire Department, I am writing to express our strong support for Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville's request for Congressional Community Project Funding (CPF) for the renovation and expansion of the Emergency Department in Madisonville, KY.

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Fire Chief
Madisonville Fire Department



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Dear Congressman Comer,

On behalf of the Hopkins County Family YMCA, I am writing to express our strong support for the Emergency Department Expansion and Renovation project at Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville.

As an organization dedicated to strengthening community health and well-being, we understand the critical role that timely access to emergency medical care plays in the lives of families across our region. Many of the individuals and families we serve live in rural areas where healthcare access can already be limited. Ensuring that residents have access to a modern, well-equipped Emergency Department is essential to protecting the health and safety of our community.

Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville serves as a regional hub for emergency care, responding to a wide range of needs including trauma, cardiac emergencies, behavioral health crises, and other urgent medical conditions. Expanding and modernizing the Emergency Department will help ensure that patients can be treated quickly and effectively, particularly during high-volume periods or large-scale emergencies.

This investment will be especially meaningful for rural residents, seniors, and vulnerable populations who depend on this hospital as their primary source of emergency care. By improving capacity, patient flow, and access to advanced medical equipment, the project will strengthen the hospital's ability to deliver lifesaving services when every second matters.

In addition, our region has experienced firsthand the importance of emergency preparedness during natural disasters and severe weather events. An expanded and updated Emergency Department will better position the hospital to respond to community needs during these challenging situations.

The Hopkins County Family YMCA is proud to partner with organizations that prioritize the health of our community, and we believe this project will have a lasting positive impact on the residents of Hopkins County and surrounding rural areas.

Sincerely,

Keith Cottoner
Executive Director
Hopkins County Family YMCA

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March 9, 2026

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Dear Congressman Comer:

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Sincerely,



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From the muck and the mud of a pond, the lotus seed continually moves toward the light. When it comes to the surface of the water, the flower blossoms and turns into a symbol of awakening to the reality of new life after hardship and struggle.