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SENATOR MAX WISE
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March 5, 2026

Congressman James Comer
2410 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20512

Dear Congressman Comer,

I am writing to express my support for Barren River Agriculture County Coalition grant application. This funding would provide cold storage facilities and infrastructure for Allen County famers and farmers throughout the region.

Allen County has partnered with Barren County and Hart County to provide this critical agriculture infrastructure. This facility will provide farmers with accessible cold storage that will lower their transportation and storage cost and help increase the markets for farmers domestically and for export. I strongly recommend Barren River Agriculture County Coalition for this grant.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Max Wise".

Max Wise
State Senator, District 16

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SHAWN MCPHERSON STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 22

March 6, 2026

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

Dear Representative Comer:

I strongly support the Allen County Fiscal Court's request for a \$5,000,000 Community Project Funding grant for Allen County's partnership with the Barren River Agriculture County Coalition to provide cold storage facilities and infrastructure for Allen County farmers and farmers throughout the region.

Allen County is partnered with Barren County and Hart County to provide this critical agriculture infrastructure. It will provide farmers with accessible cold storages facilities that will lower their transportation and storage costs and help increase the markets for farmers both domestically and for export.

I believe this to be a worthwhile use of funds for this county's needs because it has potential to benefit a significant number of Allen County residents. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerest regards,

Shawn McPherson
State Representative
22nd District

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Barren County Judge/Executive
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March 13, 2026

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support for the request being made by the Allen County Fiscal Court for funding to construct cold storage facilities in partnership with the Barren River Agriculture County Coalition (BRACC). This project represents an important investment in infrastructure that will strengthen food security efforts and expand the capacity to serve communities throughout our region.

The need for adequate cold storage is both practical and pressing. Reliable refrigeration space is essential for the safe storage of perishable food items such as fresh produce, dairy products, and other temperature-sensitive goods. Without sufficient cold storage capacity, valuable food resources are at risk of spoilage, waste, and limited distribution. Expanding this capability will help preserve nutritional quality, increase efficiency in food distribution, and significantly reduce unnecessary loss.

This project will provide meaningful benefits at the local level by ensuring that fresh and healthy food can be stored safely and made available when it is needed most. It will strengthen partnerships with local farmers, food providers, and community organizations while improving the overall efficiency of food distribution efforts. Increased storage capacity will also help BRACC and its partners better respond to fluctuations in supply and demand, particularly during times of economic hardship or emergency response.

Beyond the immediate local impact, the development of additional cold storage facilities will contribute to a stronger regional food system and aligns with broader state and federal priorities focused on reducing food waste, improving public health, and strengthening critical infrastructure. Investments such as this help maximize taxpayer resources by protecting existing food supplies and ensuring that they can be distributed effectively to those in need.

For these reasons, I respectfully support the Allen County Fiscal Court's request for funding and appreciate your consideration of this important project that will benefit communities throughout our region.

Respectfully,

Jamie Bewley Byrd
Barren County Judge/Executive