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BALLARD, CARLISLE,
MARSHALL, AND McCRACKEN
COUNTIES

DANNY CARROLL

March 18, 2026

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

Dear Congressman Comer:

As the state senator representing the 2nd Senate District, I write to express my full support for the Community Project Funding application submitted on behalf of Barkley Regional Airport. If awarded, these funds will be used for the construction of a new airport rescue and fire-fighting (ARFF) and snow removal equipment (SRE) facility.

Barkley Regional Airport plays a critical role in supporting aviation access, economic development, and regional connectivity in western Kentucky. The airport's new terminal, which opened in 2023, has strengthened its ability to attract additional charter and commercial traffic. As aircraft size and airport activity increase, modern emergency response infrastructure becomes increasingly important to maintaining safe airfield operations. The proposed project will construct a new combined ARFF and SRE facility capable of housing modern emergency response equipment, including a new, larger ARFF vehicle.

Investing in this project will help ensure Barkley Regional Airport can continue to safely support growing aviation activity while serving the transportation and economic needs of western Kentucky.

I greatly appreciate your consideration of this request and welcome you to contact my office if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

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Danny Carroll
State Senator

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CITY OF PADUCAH

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Paducah, KY 42002-2267

March 17, 2026

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

Dear Representative Comer,

On behalf of the City of Paducah, KY, I write to express my strong support for Barkley Regional Airport's request for Community Project Funding for construction of a new Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) and Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) facility.

Barkley Regional Airport plays a critical role in supporting aviation access, economic development, and regional connectivity in western Kentucky. The airport's new terminal, which opened in 2023, has strengthened its ability to attract additional charter and commercial traffic. As aircraft size and airport activity increase, modern emergency response infrastructure becomes increasingly important to maintaining safe airfield operations. In addition, Paducah/McCracken County is in the beginning stages of significant growth, and the airport is becoming increasingly vital to supporting that growth.

The proposed project will construct a new combined ARFF and SRE facility capable of housing modern emergency response equipment, including a new, larger ARFF vehicle. The new facility will also be more centrally located on the airfield, improving response times in the event of an aircraft emergency and strengthening overall airfield safety.

Support for this project will help ensure Barkley Regional Airport can continue to safely accommodate growing aviation activity while serving as an important transportation asset for the region. We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

George P. Bray
Mayor
City of Paducah, KY



Craig Z. Clymer

McCracken County Judge Executive

McCracken County Courthouse
300 Clarence Gaines Street
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March 17, 2026

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

Dear Representative Comer,

On behalf of McCracken County, I write to express my strong support for **Barkley Regional Airport's request for Community Project Funding** for construction of a new Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) and Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) facility.

Barkley Regional Airport plays a critical role in supporting aviation access, economic development, and regional connectivity in western Kentucky. The airport's new terminal, which opened in 2023, has strengthened its ability to attract additional charter and commercial traffic. As aircraft size and airport activity increase, modern emergency response infrastructure becomes increasingly important to maintaining safe airfield operations. The proposed project will construct a new combined ARFF and SRE facility capable of housing modern emergency response equipment, including a new, larger ARFF vehicle. The new facility will also be more centrally located on the airfield, improving response times in the event of an aircraft emergency and strengthening overall airfield safety.

Support for this project will help ensure Barkley Regional Airport can continue to safely accommodate growing aviation activity while serving as an important transportation asset for the region. We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Craig Z. Clymer
McCracken County Judge Executive

Paducah Fire Department

Office of the Fire Chief

301 Washington Street

Paducah, KY 42003



Stephen D. Kyle, Fire Chief
skyle@paducahky.gov/270-444-8521

March 18, 2026

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

Dear Representative Comer,

On behalf of Paducah Fire Department, I write to express my strong support for Barkley Regional Airport's request for Community Project Funding for construction of a new Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) and Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) facility.

Barkley Regional Airport plays a critical role in supporting aviation access, economic development, and regional connectivity in western Kentucky. The airport's new terminal, which opened in 2023, has strengthened its ability to attract additional charter and commercial traffic.

As aircraft size and airport activity increase, modern emergency response infrastructure becomes increasingly important to maintaining safe airfield operations. The proposed project will construct a new combined ARFF and SRE facility capable of housing modern emergency response equipment, including a new, larger ARFF vehicle. The new facility will also be more centrally located on the airfield, improving response times in the event of an aircraft emergency and strengthening overall airfield safety.

Support for this project will help ensure Barkley Regional Airport can continue to safely accommodate growing aviation activity while serving as an important transportation asset for the region. We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Stephen Kyle
Fire Chief

3/18/2026

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

Dear Representative Comer,

On behalf of the West McCracken Fire District, I write to express my strong support for Barkley Regional Airport's request for Community Project Funding for construction of a new Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) and Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) facility.

Barkley Regional Airport plays a critical role in supporting aviation access, economic development, and regional connectivity in western Kentucky. The airport's new terminal, which opened in 2023, has strengthened its ability to attract additional charter and commercial traffic. As aircraft size and airport activity increase, modern emergency response infrastructure becomes increasingly important to maintaining safe airfield operations. The proposed project will construct a new combined ARFF and SRE facility capable of housing modern emergency response equipment, including a new, larger ARFF vehicle. The new facility will also be more centrally located on the airfield, improving response times in the event of an aircraft emergency and strengthening overall airfield safety.

Support for this project will help ensure Barkley Regional Airport can continue to safely accommodate growing aviation activity while serving as an important transportation asset for the region. McCracken County, the City of Paducah, and the region will undoubtedly benefit economically from the recent influx of industrial interests and commitments to build new facilities which will provide high paying jobs and continued economic growth for decades to come. Along with that, the West McCracken Fire District is currently preparing for an increase in both temporary and permanent population growth as these projects come to light, as well as taking steps to ensure we meet the emergency response needs of these new industrial complexes. We commend Barkley Regional Airport for taking steps proactively, to ensure our regional airport is adequately equipped to safely accommodate the resulting increased air traffic demand. We look forward to seeing the continued expansion of Barkley Regional Airport and the transportation services they provide, in order to accommodate our community's current and future growth. We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Corey J. Howard
Lieutenant
West McCracken Fire District

March 7, 2026

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

Dear Representative Comer,

On behalf of Paducah Federal Contract Tower, I write to express my strong support for Barkley Regional Airport's request for Community Project Funding for construction of a new Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) and Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) facility.

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Support for this project will help ensure Barkley Regional Airport can continue to safely accommodate growing aviation activity while serving as an important transportation asset for the region. We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



John Oates
Air Traffic Control Manager
Paducah FCT



March 17, 2026

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2410 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Comer:

On behalf of the Paduch Area Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express our support for Barkley Regional Airport's request for Community Project Funding for construction of a new Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) and Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) facility.

Barkley Regional Airport plays a critical role in supporting aviation access, economic development, and regional connectivity in western Kentucky. The airport's new terminal, which opened in 2023, has strengthened its ability to attract additional charter and commercial traffic. As aircraft size and airport activity increase, modern emergency response infrastructure becomes increasingly important to maintaining safe airfield operations. The proposed project will construct a new combined ARFF and SRE facility capable of housing modern emergency response equipment, including a new, larger ARFF vehicle. The new facility will also be more centrally located on the airfield, improving response times in the event of an aircraft emergency and strengthening overall airfield safety.

Support for this project will help ensure Barkley Regional Airport can continue to safely accommodate growing aviation activity while serving as an important transportation asset for the region. We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Sandra Wilson
President/CEO



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The Honorable James Comer
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Comer,

I wanted to reach out personally on behalf of WJLI and the Stratemeyer Media Group to share our support for Barkley Regional Airport's request for Community Project Funding to build a new Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) and Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) facility.

Barkley Regional is more than just an airport for western Kentucky—it's a vital link for businesses, travelers, and our community as a whole. Since opening its new terminal in 2023, the airport has been able to welcome more charter and commercial flights, and we're seeing activity continue to grow. With bigger planes and busier days, having up-to-date emergency response capabilities is essential.

The project will create a combined ARFF and SRE facility that can house modern emergency equipment, including a new, larger ARFF vehicle. Its central location on the airfield will help ensure quick response times if an emergency happens, making the airport safer for everyone.

Supporting this project isn't just about infrastructure—it's about keeping our region connected and safe as Barkley Regional continues to grow. Thank you for considering this request; we hope you'll join us in backing this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Jason Crockett

Vice President and General Manager



Independence Bank



March 13, 2026

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

Dear Representative Comer,

On behalf of Independence Bank of Kentucky, I write to express my strong support for **Barkley Regional Airport's request for Community Project Funding** for construction of a new Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) and Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) facility.

Barkley Regional Airport plays a critical role in supporting aviation access, economic development, and regional connectivity in western Kentucky. The airport's new terminal, which opened in 2023, has strengthened its ability to attract additional charter and commercial traffic. As aircraft size and airport activity increase, modern emergency response infrastructure becomes increasingly important to maintaining safe airfield operations. The proposed project will construct a new combined ARFF and SRE facility capable of housing modern emergency response equipment, including a new, larger ARFF vehicle. The new facility will also be more centrally located on the airfield, improving response times in the event of an aircraft emergency and strengthening overall airfield safety.

Support for this project will help ensure Barkley Regional Airport can continue to safely accommodate growing aviation activity while serving as an important transportation asset for the region. We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Kevin Kauffeld
McCracken County President
Independence Bank of Kentucky

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03/17/2026

The Honorable James Comer

2410 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Comer,

On behalf of Marshall W. Davis Drugs Inc., I write to express my strong support for Barkley Regional Airport's request for Community Project Funding for construction of a new Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) and Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) facility.

Barkley Regional Airport plays a critical role in supporting aviation access, economic development, and regional connectivity in western Kentucky. The airport's new terminal, which opened in 2023, has strengthened its ability to attract additional charter and commercial traffic. As aircraft size and airport activity increase, modern emergency response infrastructure becomes increasingly important to maintaining safe airfield operations. The proposed project will construct a new combined ARFF and SRE facility capable of housing modern emergency response equipment, including a new, larger ARFF vehicle. The new facility will also be more centrally located on the airfield, improving response times in the event of an aircraft emergency and strengthening overall airfield safety.

Support for this project will help ensure Barkley Regional Airport can continue to safely accommodate growing aviation activity while serving as an important transportation asset for the region. We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Marshall W. Davis
President

Marshall W. Davis Drugs Inc dba Davis Drugs

February 19, 2026

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

Dear Representative Comer,

On behalf of the Barkley Regional Airport Authority, I am writing to express my strong support for Barkley Regional Airport's request for Community Project Funding to construct a new Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) and Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) facility.

Barkley Regional Airport is a vital transportation and economic asset for western Kentucky, providing essential aviation access, supporting regional development, and strengthening connectivity for residents and businesses. The opening of the airport's new terminal in 2023 has further enhanced its ability to attract additional charter and commercial service. As aircraft size and operational activity continue to grow, modernizing our emergency response capabilities is critical to maintaining the highest standards of airfield safety.

The proposed project will deliver a purpose-built ARFF/SRE facility designed to house updated emergency response equipment, including a larger ARFF vehicle that meets current FAA requirements. Its more centralized airfield location will significantly improve emergency response times and enhance overall operational readiness. This investment will ensure the airport can continue to safely accommodate increasing aviation demand while supporting the long-term economic vitality of the region.

We appreciate your consideration of this important request and your continued support for infrastructure that strengthens western Kentucky.

Sincerely,

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Frank A. Long
Board Member
Barkley Regional Airport
907-230-6955



March 18, 2026

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

Dear Representative Comer,

On behalf of Stevens Aircraft Solutions, I write to express my strong support for Barkley Regional Airport's request for Community Project Funding for construction of a new Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) and Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) facility.

Barkley Regional Airport plays a critical role in supporting aviation access, economic development, and regional connectivity in western Kentucky. The airport's new terminal, which opened in 2023, has strengthened its ability to attract additional charter and commercial traffic. As aircraft size and airport activity increase, modern emergency response infrastructure becomes increasingly important to maintaining safe airfield operations. The proposed project will construct a new combined ARFF and SRE facility capable of housing modern emergency response equipment, including a new, larger ARFF vehicle. The new facility will also be more centrally located on the airfield, improving response times in the event of an aircraft emergency and strengthening overall airfield safety.

Support for this project will help ensure Barkley Regional Airport can continue to safely accommodate growing aviation activity while serving as an important transportation asset for the region. We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Jamie Stevens
Aviation Manager/Owner
Stevens Aircraft Solutions

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

Dear Representative Comer,

On behalf of Crouse Corporation, I write to express strong support for Barkley Regional Airport's request for Community Project Funding to construct a new combined Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) and Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) facility.

I have been based at Barkley Regional Airport for the past 15 years with Crouse and have used the airport extensively throughout my 30-year professional career. Barkley is a vital transportation and economic asset for western Kentucky. The airport's new terminal, opened in 2023, has increased its capacity to attract additional charter and commercial traffic. As aircraft operations and aircraft size grow, modern emergency response and snow removal infrastructure are essential to maintaining safe, reliable airfield operations.

The buildings currently used to house personnel and equipment have been in service since the 1970s and have received only minor upgrades. They are in desperate need of new, state-of-the-art facilities that meet today's and future needs of both local and transient traffic. The proposed facility will house current-generation ARFF and SRE equipment, including a larger ARFF vehicle, and its more central location on the airfield will improve emergency response times and overall safety. New facilities are paramount to the airport's continued growth.

Funding this project will help ensure Barkley Regional Airport can continue to accommodate growing aviation activity while protecting passengers, crews, and regional commerce. Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,



Christian Vinyard

Aviation Department Manager

Crouse Corporation

03/18/26

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

Dear Representative Comer,

On behalf of Mission Conversion Services Alliance, I write to express my strong support for Barkley Regional Airport's request for Community Project Funding for construction of a new Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) and Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) facility.

Barkley Regional Airport plays a critical role in supporting aviation access, economic development, and regional connectivity in western Kentucky. The airport's new terminal, which opened in 2023, has strengthened its ability to attract additional charter and commercial traffic. As aircraft size and airport activity increase, modern emergency response infrastructure becomes increasingly important to maintaining safe airfield operations. The proposed project will construct a new combined ARFF and SRE facility capable of housing modern emergency response equipment, including a new, larger ARFF vehicle. The new facility will also be more centrally located on the airfield, improving response times in the event of an aircraft emergency and strengthening overall airfield safety.

Support for this project will help ensure Barkley Regional Airport can continue to safely accommodate growing aviation activity while serving as an important transportation asset for the region. We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

April Tilford, CEM®

Emergency Services Director

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March 23, 2026

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

Dear Representative Comer,

I am writing to voice my full support for Barkley Regional Airport's plan to build a new Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) and Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) facility. As a retired Delta Airlines flight attendant, I understand how vital strong emergency response systems are to keeping travelers safe. Upgrading Barkley Regional's emergency infrastructure is crucial as the airport grows to meet the needs of western Kentucky.

Barkley Regional Airport is essential for aviation access, economic progress, and regional connections in western Kentucky. The opening of the new terminal in 2023 has made it even more attractive for charter and commercial flights. As larger planes use the airport and activity increases, having modern emergency equipment is increasingly necessary to ensure safety on the airfield. The planned project includes building a new ARFF and SRE facility that will house updated equipment, such as a bigger ARFF vehicle. Placing the facility in a more central location on the airfield will enable faster responses to emergencies and boost overall safety.

Backing this project will help Barkley Regional Airport safely handle growing aviation traffic while remaining a vital transportation resource for the region. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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Dann Patterson
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