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JASON HOWELL

March 8, 2024

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

Dear Representative Comer:

I am contacting you on behalf of my constituents with the Hickman County Industrial Development Authority (HCIDA) regarding their request for Transportation Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Economic Development Initiative funding.

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My constituents inform me that their project will greatly enhance the economic development initiative in Hickman County and will support the local businesses ecosystem. Your full and fair consideration in the review of the THUD Economic Development Initiative funding for Hickman County Industrial Development Authority is appreciated.

Thank you for your time and consideration in review of this request.

Sincerely,

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Jason Howell  
State Senator

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# Commonwealth of Kentucky

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**STEVEN J. RUDY**  
Majority Floor Leader

March 6, 2024

Congressman James Comer  
2410 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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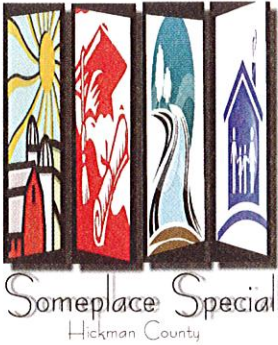
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Thank you for your time and consideration in review of this request. Please feel free to contact me if I may be of any further assistance at (502) 564-8111.

Sincerely,

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Steven J. Rudy  
Kentucky State Representative  
House District 1



**Kenny Wilson**  
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Thank you for your time and consideration in review of this request.

Sincerely,

*Kenny Wilson*

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As the Mayor for the City of Clinton located in Hickman County, I support the efforts of the Hickman County Industrial Development Authority and believe that this project will greatly enhance the economic development initiative in Hickman County. Thank you for your time in reviewing this request. Your full and fair consideration for THUD Economic Development Initiative funding for the Hickman County Industrial Development Authority is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



John Kelly

Mayor, City of Clinton



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March 21, 2024

Congressman James Comer  
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Comer:

The mission of the Purchase Area Development District is to improve the quality of life for our region through planning, programs, and partnerships. Therefore, our organization is working in close capacity with the Hickman County Industrial Development Authority (HCIDA) to aid in the development of their industrial park, *Enterprise Park Clinton*. The HCIDA is currently seeking funding from Transportation Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Economic Development Initiative. Our organization supports the efforts of HCIDA as they work to create opportunities for small businesses in their community and the surrounding area.

As you are likely aware, the Hickman County Industrial Development Authority is working to develop *Enterprise Park Clinton* located in Hickman County, Kentucky. As of recently, Gibson Electric Membership Corporation is investing \$11 Million dollars in the industrial park with a new facility. Looking at the next step in developing the park, the IDA would like to construct a business-commerce center to not only attract new professional services to the county, but to retain local businesses that are surpassing their current facilities or looking at relocating within the county. Many private businesses are facing issues with deteriorating structures in the downtown area. This business-commerce center would be an asset for those looking to relocate and provide a reasonable option for a new facility during a time of inflated construction costs.

According to the Community Economic Development Strategy document prepared for the Purchase Area region, Hickman County's primary objective is to improve the quality of life through community development and economic growth, specifically commercial and industrial expansion. This project directly aligns with both the primary objective set forth by Hickman County leadership, as well as the mission of the Purchase Area Development District. Thank you for your time in reviewing this request. Your full and fair consideration for THUD Economic Development Initiative funding for Hickman County Industrial Development Authority is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Buchanan, Executive Director



FULTON-HICKMAN COUNTIES  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

March 8, 2024

Hon. James Comer  
Member of Congress  
2410 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Comer,

The mission of the Fulton-Hickman Counties Economic Development Partnership is to foster economic opportunities that create prosperous and growing communities in our two counties. Therefore, the EDP is working very closely with the Hickman County Industrial Development Authority (HCIDA) to develop and market their new 50-acre rail-served industrial park, *Enterprise Park at Clinton*.

As you are likely aware, Gibson Electric Membership Corporation is currently constructing an \$11M facility on 10 acres in *Enterprise Park*, creating new jobs for Hickman County. The remaining 40 acres are ready for additional development. With that goal in mind, HCIDA is proposing to construct a business-commerce center on site that would attract new professional services to Hickman County and offer growth opportunities for existing retail enterprises in and around Clinton.

The Fulton-Hickman EDP fully endorses this proposed development and HCIDA's corresponding request for Transportation Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Economic Development Initiative funding for the project.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this important funding request.

Sincerely,

Mark Welch, president  
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March 15, 2024



Congressman James Comer  
2410 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Comer:

I am reaching out to you in support of the Business-Commerce Center project proposed by the Hickman County Industrial Development Authority (HCIDA) regarding their request for Transportation Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Economic Development Initiative funding.

The Hickman County Industrial Development Authority is working to develop Enterprise Park Clinton located in Hickman County, Kentucky with Gibson Electric Membership Corporation investing \$11 Million dollars in the industrial park with a new facility. The next step in the development of the park is the construction of a business-commerce center which will be a great boon to the community. The Chamber of Commerce's goals include the promotion and development of local businesses as well as those migrating to the community as we grow a vibrant and viable community.

The IDA's construction project would attract new businesses to invest in the local community in addition to enriching the prospects of local businesses in their growth with greater resources and improved facilities for their function. With the costs necessary for construction, the space and opportunities offered by a business-commerce center would incentivize businesses to relocate to the area and bolster our economy. The mission of creating a local and thriving community of businesses and residents is of the utmost value to myself and by proxy the greater Clinton-Hickman County Chamber of Commerce.

As the President of the Chamber of Commerce located in Hickman County, I support the efforts of the Hickman County Industrial Development Authority and believe that this project will greatly enhance the economic development initiative in Hickman County. Thank you for your time and consideration for THUD Economic Development Initiative funding for the Hickman County Industrial Development Authority in the reviewal of this request.

Sincerely,

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Deena Pittman

President, Clinton-Hickman County Chamber of Commerce



March 18, 2024

Congressman James Comer  
2410 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington DC 20515

Dear Congressman Comer:

I am reaching out to you in support of the Business-Commerce Center project proposed by the Hickman County Industrial Development Authority (HCIDA) regarding their request for Transportation Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Economic Development Initiative funding.

The Hickman County Industrial Development Authority is working to develop Enterprise Park Clinton located in Hickman County, Kentucky with Gibson Electric Membership Corporation investing \$11 Million dollars in the industrial park with a new facility and much needed jobs for our area. The next step in the development of the park is the construction of a business-commerce center which will be a great boon to the community. As a community banker, I see a great need for available retail and office space, which would open tremendous opportunities for success.

The IDA's construction project would attract new businesses to invest in the local community in addition to enriching the prospects of local businesses in their growth with greater resources and improved facilities for their function. With the costs necessary for construction, the space and opportunities offered by a business-commerce center would incentivize businesses to relocate to the area and bolster our economy. This investment in rural America will be a win-win opportunity for all involved.

As the President of First Community Bank of the Heartland, I support the efforts of the Hickman County Industrial Development Authority and believe that this project will greatly enhance the economic development initiative in Hickman County. Thank you for your time and consideration for THUD Economic Development Initiative funding for the Hickman County Industrial Development Authority in the review of this request.

Sincerely,

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Bruce Kimbell  
President





*"Your financial partner for life."*

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**March 18, 2024**

**Congressman James Comer  
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Washington, DC 20515**

**Congressman Comer:**

**Our Hickman County Industrial Development Authority is proposing to build a Business-Commerce Center in its newly developed Enterprise Park. As I understand it, they have a funding proposal that will be submitted to the Transportation Housing and Urban Development Economic Development Initiative. I am excited to write this letter of support for the project, and as one of the two financial institutions in Hickman County, we believe this project will improve our community's prospects for continued economic growth.**

**The first project in Enterprise Park, an 11-million-dollar investment from Gibson Electric Memberships Corporation, should be completed later this year. The next step in its development is the construction of the proposed business-commerce center, which will benefit our community by providing office and retail space. The space and opportunities offered by a business-commerce center would incentivize businesses to relocate to our area and utilize our community's resources.**

**Thank you for your full and fair consideration of this proposal for the Transportation Housing and Urban Development Economic Development Initiative funding.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Glenn Reid", is written over the typed name.

**Glenn Reid  
President/CEO**