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SENATOR CRAIG B. RICHARDSON

March 13, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Senate District, I am pleased to write this letter of support on behalf of Hopkinsville Community College's Regional Workforce Infrastructure and Modernization funding request of \$1,416,282.

If awarded, it is my understanding that Hopkinsville Community College will use this federal investment to expand workforce training infrastructure that supports transportation logistics and advances manufacturing across the Pennyryle and Western Kentucky region. The components of the project are that \$745,802 will go to CDL lot training expansion, \$875,000 will go to CDL semi-truck and trailer purchases, and \$177,832 will go to electric discharge machining and the modernization of the college's 3D printing lab. This will strengthen regional manufacturing, enhance economic development, and expand access to higher wage career paths.

I greatly appreciate your consideration and welcome you to contact me at 502-564-8100 if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C.B. Richardson".

Craig B. Richardson  
State Senator

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Dear Congressman Comer:

I am writing to express my support for the FY 2026 Community Project Funding request submitted by Hopkinsville Community College (HCC) in Christian County, Kentucky. The total funding request is \$1,416,282. If granted, the funding would be used for the Regional Workforce Training Infrastructure and Equipment Modernization Initiative.

This effort directly addresses critical workforce shortages in commercial transportation and advanced manufacturing across the Pennyrile and West Kentucky region.

The proposed commercial driver's license training lot expansion, fleet modernization, and acquisition of electrical discharge machining equipment will significantly strengthen the region's workforce pipeline. These investments will expand training capacity, modernize instructional resources, and align programs with current industry standards benefiting students, veterans, and employers alike.

This initiative reflects strong regional collaboration and supports long-term economic growth by preparing residents for high-demand, high-wage careers. It represents a responsible and impactful use of federal resources.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to advancing workforce development in west Kentucky.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Myron Dossett".

Myron Dossett  
State Representative  
District 9

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February 16, 2026

Dr. Alissa Young, President/CEO  
Hopkinsville Community College  
P.O. Box 2100  
Hopkinsville, KY 42241-2100

Dear Dr. Young:

On behalf of the Pennyrile Area Development District, I write in support of Hopkinsville Community College's request for Community Project Funding/Community Directed Spending to strengthen and modernize its Commercial Driver's License training program.

The CDL program plays a direct role in addressing workforce shortages across our region. The Pennyrile region continues to experience strong demand for licensed commercial drivers in logistics, manufacturing, agriculture, construction, and related sectors. Employers consistently report difficulty filling these positions. By modernizing equipment and investing in appropriate training infrastructure, the college will expand capacity, improve program quality, and help meet documented workforce needs.

This request aligns with regional economic development priorities. Strengthening the CDL program supports job creation, increases earning potential for residents, and enhances the competitiveness of our local industries. It also provides a clear pathway to stable, family-supporting wages for individuals seeking short-term training with strong labor market outcomes.

For these reasons, Pennyrile Area Development District strongly supports this Community Project Funding request and encourages favorable consideration. This project represents a strategic investment in workforce development, infrastructure, and long-term regional economic vitality.

Please feel free to contact me if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

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Amy Frogue

Director of Community and Economic Development