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14TH SENATE DISTRICT

April 25, 2025

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

Dear Representative Comer:

I would like to express my full support for Springfield Water and Sewer Commission's application for the FY26 Community Project Funding program. The Springfield Industry Park Waterline improvements are crucial to continue to provide clean and reliable water service to the residents and businesses of the City of Springfield and Washington County.

It is my understanding that the requested funds would be used for the installation of two booster pump stations located in the industrial park and the interconnection to the Lebanon Water Works. The project also includes switching the disinfectant from gaseous chlorine to an onsite mixed oxidant generator, which is a safer, reliable, cost-effective disinfectant. These improvements are needed to continue to provide high-quality water for the entire system and allow us to easily share water with other neighboring utilities when needed. The project will allow Springfield and Washington County to grow its industrial base by providing more water volume to a growing area of Washington County.

Thank you for giving full and fair consideration to the application submitted by the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission. If I can provide any additional information relating to the application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jimmy Higdon".

Senator Jimmy Higdon
14th District

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April 24, 2025

The Honorable James Comer
United States House of Representatives
2410 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-1701

RE: Springfield Water and Sewer Commission
FY 2026 Community Project Funding – Springfield Industry Park Waterline Improvements

Dear Representative Comer:

I would like to express my full support of the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission's application for the FY 2026 Community Project Funding program.

The Springfield Industry Park Waterline Improvements project is crucial for the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission to continue its dedication to providing clean and reliable water service to the residents and businesses of the City of Springfield and Washington County. The project will include the installation of two booster pump stations, one of which will be in the industrial park and the other one of the two recently installed interconnection to the Lebanon Water Works Company. These interconnections are highly supported by the Kentucky Division of Water for communities to remain resilient during disasters as well as difficulties like a main break or an issue at the local water treatment plant.

This project will allow Springfield and Washington County to grow their industrial base by providing more water volume to a growing area of the county. It also includes disinfection changes – switching the disinfectant from gaseous chlorine to an onsite mixed oxidant generator, which is a safe, reliable, cost-effective disinfectant. These improvements are needed to continue to provide high-quality water for the entire system and allow the commission to easily share water with other neighboring utilities when needed. The pump station on the Lebanon Water Works interconnection will also allow for water to be pumped to Lebanon in cases of emergency to allow for redundancies in both communities.

Thank you for giving full and fair consideration to the application submitted by the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission. If I can provide any additional information relating to the application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim King". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names clearly distinguishable.

Kim King
State Representative

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Timothy E. Graves
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April 25, 2025

The Honorable James Comer
United States House of Representatives
2410 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-1701

RE: Springfield Water & Sewer Commission
FY26 Community Project Funding – Springfield Industry Park Waterline Improvements

Dear Honorable Representative Comer:

I am writing to express my support of the Springfield Water & Sewer Commission's Industry Park Waterline Improvements & Elevated Tank Project. This project is crucial for our community to stay resilient during peak water usage times and to provide growth opportunities in key residential and industrial areas. Many businesses are making significant investments in Washington County and are creating new jobs. Currently Springfield has multiple distilleries under construction and one additional distillery is planning to make an announcement very soon. Nearly \$150 million of investment has already been committed and that number will double when the other distillery makes their announcement. As far as jobs are concerned, the distilleries under construction will bring 70 high paying jobs to Washington County and again that number will double once the other announcement is made.

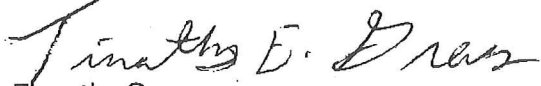
This project has two main components. First, a booster pump station will be installed near an existing water storage tank to create a new pressure zone around the industrial park to supply water at a higher pressure to the new distilleries and other industrial customers. The second component to the project is adding disinfection changes – switching the disinfectant from gaseous chlorine to an onsite mixed oxidant generator, which is a safe, reliable, cost-effective disinfectant. These improvements are needed to continue to provide high-quality water for the entire system and allow us to easily share water with other utilities when needed. Another additional benefit of the project is that Springfield Water and Sewer Commission just completed working with Lebanon Water Works and the City of Danville to provide connections to their water system. The booster station will be able work with these regional partners to get their treated water into this new pressure plane for purposes of redundancy. These regional water initiatives allow communities to become more resilient by working together.



In summary, our community is growing, and jobs are being created. The Community Project Funding that the Springfield Water & Sewer Commission is applying for will help all of Washington County for a long time to come and will position our community for growth.

Thank you for your time and service to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Timothy E. Graves". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Timothy Graves

Washington County Judge Executive



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Chris Essex
Mayor

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April 23, 2025

The Honorable James Comer
United States House of Representatives
2410 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-1701

RE: Springfield Water & Sewer Commission
FY26 Community Project Funding – Springfield Industry Park Waterline
Improvements Project

Dear Honorable Representative Comer:

I am writing to express my support of the Springfield Industry Park Waterline Improvements & Elevated Tank Project. This project is necessary for the Springfield Water & Sewer Commission to continue its dedication to providing the best water service to our city and its residents. The Springfield Industry Park Waterline Improvements Project will help our growing industrial base in the city by ensuring that there is ample water both in volume and pressure.

Our community is growing, and jobs are being created. Multiple distillery projects are currently under construction and at least one more large distillery project is nearing announcement. While I realize that there are numerous requests made to you and so many needs, the Community Project Funding that the Springfield Water & Sewer Commission is applying for will help all of Springfield for a long time to come.

Thank you for your time and service to our community.

Sincerely,

Chris Essex
Mayor, City of Springfield

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April 23, 2025

The Honorable James Comer
United States House of Representatives
2410 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-1701

RE: Springfield Water
FY26 Community Project Funding – Springfield Industrial Park Waterline
Improvements

Dear Congressman Comer:

I am writing to express the Springfield-Washington County Economic Development Authority's strong support for the application submitted by the Springfield Water and Sewer commission for the FY26 Community Project Funding program.

The Springfield Industrial Park Waterline Improvements Project is crucial for the Springfield Water & Sewer Commission to continue its dedication to providing clean and reliable water service to the residents and businesses of the City of Springfield and Washington County as well as improving service to the existing industrial park.

Over the next 12 months we expect two large economic development projects to be in phase 1 of production, these two projects represent over 70 new jobs, and investments of approximately \$150 million. The first of those projects, Potter Jane Distilling Company began production in March, and Willett Distilling is slated to begin production later this year. We are fortunate that these projects have selected Springfield, however we must now ensure that we have the infrastructure in place to support this investment, as well as potential growth that comes with these types of projects. For these reasons and more, please consider the funding application from the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission as we strive for continued growth and success of Springfield and Washington County.

Sincerely,

Daniel Carney
Executive Director
Springfield-Washington County Economic Development

POTTER JANE DISTILLING Co.
SPRINGFIELD, KENTUCKY

April 23, 2025

The Honorable James Comer
United States House of Representatives
2410 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-1701

RE: Springfield Water & Sewer Commission
FY26 Community Project Funding – Springfield Industry Park Waterline Improvements

Dear Representative Comer:

I am writing to you in support of the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission and their request for FY26 Community Project Funding. The Springfield-Washington County Industrial Park Waterline Improvements Project will support our current needs and allow for continued economic growth and opportunity for this community and will be essential to our future needs.

We have began production and added 20 new jobs with phase 1 of our distillery project. We anticipate over the next 36 months continuing to grow into our operation, eventually doubling our workforce to at least 40 employees. Our private investment within the first this point has eclipsed \$60 million, with that number continuing to grow as we add to our warehousing operation and an eventual bottling line. Our average salary at the facility will be \$90,000 per year.

Potter Jane Distilling Company will distill and mature various American Whiskey mash bills, with a specific focus on Kentucky Bourbon Whiskey. The average production in these first few of operation will be approximately 45,000 barrels per year, and access to a clean and available supply of water is crucial to our operation. Thank you for your consideration of this request, we are excited to build on the economic momentum and prosperity in the Springfield community for many years to come.

Sincerely,



Dennis P. Potter
Co-Owner
Potter Jane Distilling Co.



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RE: Springfield Water and Sewer FY26 Community Project Funding - Springfield
Industrial Park Waterline Improvements

Dear Congressman Comer:

The purpose of this letter is to provide support and information that the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission needs regarding a request they will be submitting to you for FY26 Community Project Funding. The Springfield industrial park waterline improvements will support current needs and allow for continued economic growth and opportunity for this community, and will be essential to our future needs.

Kentucky Bourbon Distillers Ltd. dba. Willett Distillery is building an additional distillery, and five barrel warehouses in the Springfield, Washington County area. Already we have completed the four planned warehouses. We anticipate creating 35 new jobs within the first 36 months of beginning our operation, which is nearing completion with planned distilling in late 2025 or early 2026. Our private investment at this stage in the project is set to exceed \$75 million. Our average salary at the facility will be \$55,850 per year and all full-time employees will be eligible for a robust benefits package.

Established over 80 years ago, Willett Distillery is a family owned and truly family operated distillery that produces both bourbon and rye whiskey. At our Bardstown location all stages of whiskey production take place, from milling grains to bottling. In addition to making whiskey, we welcome over 80,000 guest annually to our Bardstown facility. Our hospitality program includes tours, an espresso bar, patio bar and full restaurant. These gas line upgrades are essential to our future plans and we are excited for the promise of future possibilities our new Springfield home provides. Thank you for your consideration of this important project. We can't make Kentucky Bourbon without good Kentucky limestone water.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mark Zoeller", is positioned above the printed name.

Mark Zoeller
Chief Financial Officer
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April 23, 2025

The Honorable James Comer
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RE: Springfield Water & Sewer Commission
FY26 Community Project Funding – Springfield Industry Park Waterline
Improvements

Dear Representative Comer:

The purpose of this letter is to provide support and information that the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission needs regarding a request they will be submitting to you for FY26 Community Project Funding. The Springfield Industrial Park Waterline Improvements Project will support current needs and allow for continued economic growth and opportunity for this community and will be essential to our future needs.

We intend to have the following economic impact in the Springfield, Washington County area. We anticipate creating 47 new jobs within the first month of beginning our operation. Long Term over the next 36 months we estimate hiring an additional 10 employees. Our private investment within the first 36 months is estimated to be approximately \$98 million. Long term through 2036 we anticipate additional private investment of approximately \$78 million. Our average salary at the facility will be approximately \$125,000 per year.

Slow Pass Bourbon Company will distill and mature various American Whiskey mash bills, with a specific focus on Kentucky Bourbon Whiskey. The average production in the first years of operation will be approximately 60,000 barrels per year, and access to a clean and available supply of water is crucial to our operation. Thank you for your consideration of this request, we are excited to build on the economic momentum and prosperity in the Springfield community for many years to come.

Sincerely,

William S. (Steve) Bowers
CEO & President
Slow Pass Bourbon Company

April 23, 2025

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Improvements

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Along with our partners, Mr. Taylor Marshall being one, we intend to have the following economic impact in the Springfield, Washington County area. We anticipate creating over 150 new jobs within the first 3 years of beginning our operation. Long Term from 4 years to 6 years we estimate hiring an additional 150 employees. Our private investment within the first 5 years is estimated to be over \$40,000,000. Long term from 6 years to 10 years we anticipate additional private investment of \$20,000,000. Our average salary at the facility will be \$47,000 per year.

The distillery will distill and mature various American Whiskey mash bills, with a specific focus on Kentucky Bourbon Whiskey. The average production in the first years of operation will be approximately 15,000-20,000 barrels per year, and access to a clean and available supply of water is crucial to our operation. Thank you for your consideration of this request, we are excited to build on the economic momentum and prosperity in the Springfield community for many years to come.

Thank you for your consideration,



James W. Kern
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May 1, 2025

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

RE: FY 2026 Congressional Appropriation Request- Springfield Industry Park Water
Improvements & Elevated Tank Project

Dear Congressman Comer

I am writing to express my support for the Springfield Water & Sewer Commission's application for your consideration in the congressional appropriation process for FY 2026 in the 1st Congressional District.

Over the next five years, outside economic investment in the LTADD eight-county region will be measured in **BILLIONS** of dollars, a rare opportunity. This economic tidal wave must be a soft landing to ensure our place on the national stage is not abdicated. These projects will support the continued growth in a region's trajectory that is already experiencing accelerated economic growth.

This project is strengthened by two recent installation of two regional interconnections, which have enhanced the area's resiliency in the face of natural disasters and infrastructure disruptions, such as main or line breaks. The proposed project will further support economic development by enabling the Springfield and Washington County to expand their industrial base. This project also establishes a critical emergency water supply for the City of Lebanon in the event of a crisis or service disruption.

This project will serve as a valuable **REGIONAL** asset to achieve our mutual economic and socio-economic goals. Our region is well-positioned for extraordinary growth and economic resiliency. However, we must have the support and resources necessary to be successful together. Thank you in advance for your kind attention and consideration regarding these projects in the Lincoln Trail Region.

Sincerely,

Krista Levee for
Daniel London
Executive Director

Enclosure