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April 24, 2025

The Honorable James Comer
U.S. House of Representatives
2410 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Henderson Water Utility – Raw Water Intake & Pipeline Project

Dear Congressman Comer:

I am pleased to offer my full support for the FY26 Community Project Funding request submitted by Henderson Water Utility for the Raw Water Intake & Pipeline Project.

This initiative proposes the replacement of an aging, temporary raw water intake system currently housed on a barge and powered by a generator. The new permanent intake structure will provide a more reliable and efficient means of drawing raw water from the Green River to supply the South Water Treatment Plant—an essential facility that serves approximately 15,000 households and supports operations at Tyson Foods, one of the largest employers in the region with nearly 2,000 employees.

Investing in this project will address a pressing infrastructure need while also reinforcing the long-term sustainability of water service for a significant portion of Henderson's population and its economic base. A reliable and modern water intake system is vital for protecting public health, supporting industrial operations, and enabling future growth.

Henderson Water Utility plays a critical role in the regional economy and quality of life. This funding would make a lasting impact on both infrastructure resilience and economic development capacity.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request. If I can provide any further information or support, please feel free to contact me directly at (270) 724-9981.

Sincerely,

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Robby Mills
State Senator, District 4

Commonwealth of Kentucky

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REPRESENTATIVE J.T. PAYNE

April 25, 2025

The Honorable James Comer
U.S. House of Representatives
2410 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Henderson Water Utility – Raw Water Intake & Pipeline Project

Dear Congressman Comer:

I am writing to express my strong support for the FY26 Community Project Funding request submitted by Henderson Water Utility for its Raw Water Intake and Pipeline Project.

This project seeks to replace the existing raw water intake system on the Green River, which currently relies on a barge-mounted intake powered by a generator. The existing system is not sustainable for long-term use and presents operational and environmental challenges. The proposed funding would enable Henderson Water Utility to construct a new, permanent intake facility to serve the South Water Treatment Plant.

This plant plays a vital role in the region by supplying water to approximately 15,000 households and to Tyson Foods, one of the area's largest employers with nearly 2,000 employees. Ensuring a reliable water source is critical not only for sustaining current operations but also for supporting future growth and economic development.

Henderson Water Utility is a foundational component of the community's infrastructure and economic landscape. Investment in this project would enhance public utility resilience, bolster economic development, and safeguard essential services for thousands of residents and businesses.

Thank you for your consideration of this important funding request. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (502) 564-8100 if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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J.T. Payne
State Representative
11th Legislative District

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April 24, 2025

The Honorable James Comer
U.S. House of Representatives
2410 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Henderson Water Utility – Raw Water Intake & Pipeline Project

Dear Congressman Comer:

As Henderson County Judge/Executive, I am writing to express my strong support for the FY26 Community Project Funding request submitted by Henderson Water Utility in support of the Raw Water Intake & Pipeline Project.

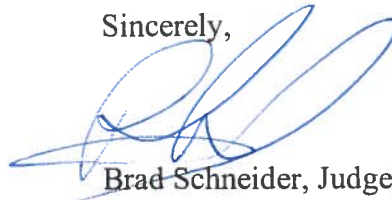
This critical infrastructure project will replace the Utility's current raw water intake system—an aging, barge-mounted intake powered by a generator—with a permanent, land-based facility on the Green River. The existing system is not viable for long-term use and poses ongoing operational and environmental challenges. Securing federal support for this project will enable a sustainable and reliable water supply for decades to come.

The South Water Treatment Plant, which this project will serve, is an essential resource for our region. It provides water to approximately 15,000 households and supports operations at Tyson Foods, one of the largest employers in Henderson County with nearly 2,000 employees. Ensuring a dependable water source is vital for maintaining current services, supporting industrial capacity, and enabling future economic development.

Henderson Water Utility is a cornerstone of our community's public infrastructure. Investment in this project will strengthen utility resilience, promote public health and safety, and drive continued economic progress in Henderson County.

Thank you for your consideration of this important funding request. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require additional information or support.

Sincerely,



Brad Schneider, Judge/Executive
Henderson County Fiscal Court

April 24, 2025

The Honorable James Comer
U.S. House of Representatives
2410 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Henderson Water Utility – Raw Water Intake & Pipeline Project

Dear Congressman Comer:

As Mayor of the City of Henderson, I am pleased to offer my strong support for the FY26 Community Project Funding request submitted by Henderson Water Utility for its Raw Water Intake & Pipeline Project.

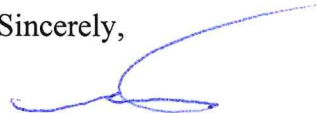
This project proposes the replacement of an aging raw water intake system currently housed on a barge and powered by a generator with a permanent, land-based intake facility on the Green River. The existing setup is not sustainable for long-term operations and poses both reliability and environmental concerns. The proposed improvements are essential to maintaining a resilient and efficient water supply system.

The new intake will serve the South Water Treatment Plant, a critical facility that provides clean, reliable water for approximately 15,000 households and supports industrial users such as Tyson Foods, which employs nearly 2,000 people in the region. Ensuring the continued reliability of this facility is crucial to meeting the current and future needs of our residents, employers, and local economy.

Henderson Water Utility is a key pillar of our municipal infrastructure and a vital partner in the city's continued growth. Investment in this project will strengthen public services, promote economic development, and increase long-term sustainability for our community.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this important request. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any further information or assistance.

Sincerely,



Brad Staton, Mayor
City of Henderson



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April 24, 2025

The Honorable James Comer
U.S. House of Representatives
2410 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Henderson Water Utility – Raw Water Intake & Pipeline Project

Dear Congressman Comer:

On behalf of Henderson Economic Development, I am writing to express my strong support for the FY26 Community Project Funding request submitted by Henderson Water Utility for the Raw Water Intake & Pipeline Project.

This project is vital to our region's economic infrastructure. It will replace an outdated, barge-mounted raw water intake system—currently powered by a generator—with a permanent, land-based intake structure on the Green River. The current configuration is not viable for long-term use and presents ongoing operational and environmental concerns. Upgrading this system is a necessary step in maintaining the reliability and efficiency of our water infrastructure.

The South Water Treatment Plant, which will be served by the new intake, provides water to approximately 15,000 households and is a critical resource for large employers, including Tyson Foods, which supports nearly 2,000 jobs in the area. A secure and resilient water supply is fundamental to sustaining existing industry and attracting new economic opportunities.

Reliable public utilities are the backbone of a strong local economy. Henderson Water Utility's investment in long-term infrastructure ensures that our region remains competitive, economically vibrant, and ready for future growth. This project will strengthen essential services and bolster our capacity for industrial development.

Thank you for considering this important request. Should you need additional information or further insight into the economic impact of this project, I would be happy to assist.

Sincerely,

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Missy Vanderpool, Executive Director
Henderson Economic Development

April 24, 2025

The Honorable James Comer
U.S. House of Representatives
2410 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Henderson Water Utility – Raw Water Intake & Pipeline Project

Dear Congressman Comer:

I am writing to express Henderson Water Utility's strong support for our FY26 Community Project Funding request and to formally confirm our financial commitment to the Raw Water Intake & Pipeline Project. This project will replace an aging, barge-mounted raw water intake system currently powered by a generator with a permanent, land-based intake structure on the Green River. The new facility will provide a more stable and efficient water source for our South Water Treatment Plant, which supplies clean, reliable water to approximately 15,000 households and supports Tyson Foods, one of the region's largest employers with nearly 2,000 employees.

The total estimated cost of the project is \$10,000,000. We are seeking \$2,000,000 in Community Project Funding and hereby commit to providing the remaining \$8,000,000 in local matching funds necessary to complete the project. In addition, Henderson Water Utility will assume full responsibility for covering any cost overruns that may arise during implementation.

We appreciate your consideration of this request to support critical infrastructure that strengthens regional resilience and economic vitality. Should you have any questions regarding our commitment or the project itself, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (270) 875-2409.

Sincerely,



Bart Boles, General Manager
Henderson Water Utility

**Henderson Water Utility
Raw Water Intake Pipeline Project
Project Budget**

Administrative Expenses	\$ 60,000.00
Legal Expenses	\$ 15,000.00
Engineering Fees - Planning & Design	\$ 120,000.00
Engineering Fees - Construction	\$ 90,000.00
Engineering Fees - Inspection	\$ 90,000.00
Construction	\$ 8,750,000.00
Contingencies	\$ 875,000.00
Total Project Cost	\$ 10,000,000.00

Updated April 24, 2025