

# COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY STATE SENATE

April 25, 2025

The Honorable Jamie Comer U.S. Congressman First District, Kentucky 2410 Rayburn House Office Building 45 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20515

#### Dear Congressman Comer:

This letter is in support of the Farmdale Sanitation District's application for sanitary sewer infrastructure funds for its Interceptor Sewer System project. In rural Franklin County, residents rely on individual septic systems or package waste water treatment plants for sewage disposal. As a Franklin County Senator with constituents in residential areas served by some of the nine-package waste water treatment plants in the Farmdale Sanitation District, I can attest to the health and safety concerns these aging package plants pose to my constituents. These plants suffer frequent outages due to outdated and failing equipment. When the operation of package plants is interrupted, raw sewage seeps into residential yards and can flow into waterways, exacerbating health and safety concerns while introducing environmental issues and potential disease transmissions.

With approximately 1,100 households relying on these aging package plants, it is essential to address the issues immediately to maintain a standard quality of life of those families. Your support of this request is critical to those living in the southwestern portion of Franklin County. The plan, to construct an interceptor sewer system and pump station to direct waste water to the City of Frankfort for treatment and decommission six of the nine aging package waste water treatment plants, will immediately improve the quality of life and remedy existing environmental and public safety concerns for our neighbors and the constituents I directly represent. As public servants, there is no higher calling than to work in the best interests of those we serve. I know you agree and diligently work toward this end.

Thank you for your consideration and for your leadership on this transformational endeavor.

Sincerely,

Kentucky State Senator, District 20



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Re: Support for Franklin County/Farmdale Sanitation District Interceptor System and Package Treatment Plant Decommission

Dear Representative Comer,

I am writing to offer my full and sincere support as a member of Franklin County's fiscal court, of the efforts to secure funding for the Farmdale Sanitation District's Interceptor Sewer System project. This important initiative represents a meaningful investment in the health, safety, and future growth of our community.

The project will support the construction of an interceptor sewer system and pump station that will direct wastewater to the City of Frankfort for treatment. It will also provide the resources needed to responsibly decommission six aging package wastewater treatment plants in the area. These systems, while once effective, are now outdated and increasingly strained, making it more challenging to meet today's environmental and public health standards.

Replacing these systems with a modern, centralized solution will help protect our waterways, improve quality of life for local residents, and preserve the integrity of our shared natural resources. This project also lays the groundwork for future enhancement: offering the opportunity to connect other underserved areas and extend service along the US127 corridor, which could help support much-needed economic and residential development.

Southern Franklin County is poised for growth, but access to reliable public infrastructure remains a barrier. With limited land available for new industrial and commercial development, and a significant shortage of housing, investments like this are key to unlocking the area's full potential. By addressing long-standing infrastructure needs, this project paves the way for responsible growth while ensuring environmental and public health remain top priorities.

I strongly support the Farmdale Sanitation District's request for funding and encourage you to consider the long-term benefits this project will bring to Central Kentucky.

Thank you for your time, service, and dedication to supporting the future of our region.

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