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The Honorable Jim Gray, Mayor
Lexington Fayette Urban County Government
Office of the Mayor
200 E. Main Street
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Dear Mayor Gray,

The United Way of the Bluegrass is proud to support the Town Branch Commons Corridor project, an investment that will improve our community and directly support our mission to create opportunities for all citizens to live better lives.

United Way of the Bluegrass is a leader and motivator of change for long-term solutions for Central Kentucky communities. We are working diligently to achieve our bold goal of helping 10,000 more families in the Bluegrass achieve self-sufficiency by 2020.

Two of the key drivers that we have identified are ensuring basic needs and creating financial stability for our citizens. Better transportation is central to both of these priorities, and the multi-modal improvements planned in the Town Branch Commons Corridor will help reduce inequities and remove barriers.

This project will help all people – regardless of economic level – access the neighborhoods, businesses, amenities and natural features of Central Kentucky. With improved transportation, our citizens will have greater opportunities for jobs, better access to support services and new pathways to educational and community resources.

By connecting Lexington's urban core to the surrounding neighborhoods and communities of Central Kentucky, we will create a stronger, more united region to benefit all our citizens. That's what the United Way is all about.

For these reasons, we strongly support the Town Branch Commons Corridor project and Lexington's application for federal TIGER Grant funding to accelerate its construction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Farmer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bill Farmer
President/ CEO