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The Honorable Jim Gray, Mayor
Lexington Fayette Urban County Government
200 E. Main Street
Lexington, KY 40507

Dear Mayor Gray,

I am writing to express my support for the TIGER Grant application for the Town Branch Commons Corridor project in Lexington. As the former Chief Executive Officer of the 2010 World Equestrian Games and now Executive Director of the Kentucky Horse Park, it is my strong opinion that the Legacy Trail has added a whole new dimension to the fitness and sports tourism attraction of the Bluegrass Region.

I believe the Town Branch Commons project will only add to the tourism and economic development appeal of our region. As a regular user of the Legacy Trail for walking, running and bicycling, I have noticed increased activity at the Horse Park by virtue of the trail bringing more and more people to this wonderful facility. I have no doubt the Town Branch project will have the same impact on Lexington by connecting various neighborhoods to downtown in a safe and innovative way.

As we are strengthening the Kentucky Horse Park's position as the premier equestrian facility in the world, we also want to create a fun and healthy destination for equestrian and non-equestrian enthusiasts, alike. I envision the enhancement of Lexington's mixed-use trail system, including the Town Branch Commons Corridor project, as a great economic driver for our region as well as a shining example of what progressive communities can do to improve the quality of life for their citizens and visitors.

I, therefore and respectfully, wish to add my support for this initiative and grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jamie Link". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jamie" and last name "Link" clearly distinguishable.

Jamie Link