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Doug Richey

State Representative
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Mayor Sharon Powell
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Mayor Powell,

I am writing today to convey my full support for the City of Excelsior Spring's *2021 RAISE Grant* application for additional project funding. The City of Excelsior Springs has a cohesive plan to utilize the grant amount they are requesting, and this grant is critical to the improving the west side of the community. I implore you to consider funding it.

The city is asking for \$20 million to make road improvements on the west side of the Excelsior Springs community, which would be utilized in several ways that will improve safety and access in our community. By creating safer pedestrian pathways, we are creating new opportunities for possible employees to get to work safely while also improving the quality of life for residents, as we are would be able to offer a safer way in which to get to services such as grocers and pharmacists.

The necessity of this grant is apparent when looking at the project itself. There are a lot of challenges facing the area that the grant would improve, such as a need to build and fix existing infrastructure, while also addressing a dangerous lack of pedestrian features. With this project's completion, safety in the area would increase significantly and the infrastructure of the area would be improved considerably.

I believe that this project is vital to the area, and that the regional impact of this project hits exactly what the *2021 RAISE Grant* application is looking for. As a Representative for the area, I am completely behind this project due to its importance for the people in the surrounding area. I would like to express my total and complete support in regards to the project, and implore you for its consideration for additional project funding.

Thank you for your consideration and time.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Richey".

State Rep. Doug Richey
House District 38

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