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Dear Kenzie,

I am writing this letter on behalf of The Fayette Alliance. The Fayette Alliance is Lexington's only land-use advocacy organization dedicated solely to protecting our renowned rural landscape in Fayette County and strengthening the city of Lexington through innovative infill redevelopment and adequate infrastructure.

If responsibly pursued, this growth approach will improve our city and protect our productive and beautiful farmland--creating a quality of life crucial to Lexington- Fayette County's economic and environmental success today and in the future.

In furtherance of this mission, The Fayette Alliance supports LFUCG's federal grant application to finance and improve the "Yellow Bikes" community bike program.

With additional funding, LFUCG can purchase state-of-the-art equipment that will enhance the Yellow Bikes program—such as integrating easy check out facilities, GPS and odometer readings on all bikes, and credit card tracking on lost or stolen bikes.

These measures will increase the viability of using alternative modes of transportation in Lexington's urban core—making the city a vibrant destination for knowledge-based professionals and market investment, while reducing growth pressure on our limited Bluegrass farmland and minimizing the carbon footprint of our metro area.

For these reasons, The Fayette Alliance favors expanding the Yellow Bikes program using Federal grants and assistance.

Sincerely,

Knox van Nagell