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The Hon. Steven Beshear, Governor
The Commonwealth of Kentucky
700 Capital Avenue, Ste. 100
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March 21st, 2014

Dear Governor Beshear,

My name is Knox van Nagell, and I am writing this letter on behalf of the Fayette Alliance.

Founded in 2006, the Fayette Alliance is a coalition of citizens dedicated to achieving sustainable growth in Lexington-Fayette County through land use advocacy, education, and promotion.

The Fayette Alliance believes that preserving our unique and productive Bluegrass farmland, advancing innovative development, and improving our infrastructure are essential to our collective success in Lexington.

Through our efforts at government and beyond, Lexington can become the model for sustainable growth, by connecting and balancing its vibrant city with its unique and productive Bluegrass farmland.

In furtherance of this mission, the Fayette Alliance requests the KY Department of Transportation incorporate a tunnel and bridge for the Town Branch bike path, as part of the New Circle Road expansion project.

Representing just 1% of the \$80 million highway improvement plan, these facilities will advance a needed multi-modal transportation option for citizens using Town Branch trail to bike from our acclaimed rural landscape to downtown Lexington.

As you know, trails are essential to both environmental sustainability and economic development efforts in the community—and for these reasons, have been widely recommended by the both Federal Transportation and AASHTO guidelines. They are regularly incorporated in highway projects throughout the United States, and the New Circle Road facilities would a “first” for Lexington.

With the Town Branch Trail “connection “ in place, the state of Kentucky can demonstrate its commitment to progressive transportation policy, and in turn its unique quality of life for its residents and employers alike.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask that you petition the KY Transportation Cabinet to incorporate the Town Branch Trail connection in the pending New Circle Road expansion project.

Thank you for your consideration, and dedication to Lexington-Fayette County,

Knox van Nagell, JD