

April 27, 2025

To Whom it may Concern:

Please accept this letter of support of Mayor George Bray and the Oscar Cross Boys & Girls Club located in Paducah, KY. The Club has been a vital part of our community for over 70 years. Each year, hundreds of kids walk through those doors and receive positive programs and opportunities in our After School and Summer Programs. We are calling on and urging the Federal Lands Subcommittee to pass the legislative bill (H.R. 1276) to remove deed restrictions on the property in Paducah (Park Ave) that the Boys & Girls Club has occupied for the last 12 years.

To this point, the Club has made only been able to make minor facility upgrades and repairs, but the Board of Directors, along with several community stakeholders, staff, and parents, see the need to make significant investments to expand the current facility to allow the Club to serve more kids in the years to come. The passage of HR 1276 will open the door for the Oscar Cross Boys and Girls Club to finally own the facility and to be able to invest and make significant capital improvements to this location. This will allow the Club to be able to give the youth in our community even more opportunities moving forward once the facility is released.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important resolution, not just for the Club, but also for the community of Paducah, Kentucky.

If I can be of further assistance or comment, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I can be reached via email at bhousman@rwbaird.com or by phone at 270-366-6611.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,



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