



May 16, 2025

Kentucky Agricultural Development Funds
105 Corporate Drive
Frankfort, KY 40601

RE: CHRISTIAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION 2025 APPLICATION

Dear KADF Board,

I am writing on behalf of the Christian County Board of Education in connection with its 2025 application for KADF funds for a Livestock Barn project.

Since the initial application was submitted, CCBE's circumstances have changed. Because of the US Department of Education's recent decision to terminate CCBE's access to ESSER funds for the construction of the new Christian County High School, CCBE finds itself in a difficult position with respect to its 2025 KADF application.

While CCBE would appreciate an award from KADF for a Livestock Barn, please understand the following:

1. The location of the livestock barn would be on property located on a 30-acre tract located behind Hopkinsville Middle School on Martin Luther King Bypass in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. The 30-acre tract is currently owned by CCBE and used by FFA students for growing crops as a part of their curriculum. This location is also conveniently located near the location of the new Christian County High School as well as the Christian County Extension Office and Exposition Center. All things considered, CCBE believes this is a preferable location for the livestock barn.
2. CCBE cannot make a financial match or other financial commitment at this time. If a financial match continues to be a requirement or if the project otherwise requires a financial commitment, CCBE must regretfully reserve the right to decline any award.

CCBE understands that this is not an ideal position, but CCBE does not want to mislead KADF as to CCBE's current situation. If CCBE receives the award, CCBE will make a good faith effort to build the livestock barn on the tract described above, but, as a steward of taxpayer

funds, CCBE must reserve the right decline the award if the award results in a financial commitment from CCBE.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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