

May 5, 2022

Dear Congressman Comer,

I am writing to express my support for passage of the Land Between the Lakes Recreation and Heritage Act, H.R. 7399.

I am a former resident of what is now Land Between the Lakes and was forcibly removed from our sixth-generation farm there. I am also the President of Between the Rivers, Inc., the non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and preserving our cultural heritage. The Land Between the Lakes Recreation and Heritage Act is a tremendous step forward in both ensuring LBL can finally achieve the promised mission it was established for, and protecting the cultural heritage associated with it.

I want to encourage you to take whatever steps are needed to make sure this legislation passes. If I can be of any assistance in making sure this happens, please let me know.

Sincerely,

David Nickell

/S/

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Donnie Holland

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May 4, 2022

Congressman Comer,

As a former resident of Between the Rivers (my ancestor William Holland received a land grant for Revolutionary War Service and settled here in 1800), I fully support the Land Between the Lakes Recreation and Heritage Act, that you recently introduced. I am a member of the former LBL Advisory Board. I worked on that language with several others, and feel it is the very best solution possible. I urge its passage as soon as feasible.

You have been very instrumental in "saving" the LBL and your efforts are deeply appreciated. Keep up the very good work you do in Washington.

Respectfully and Sincerely

Donnie Holland

/s/

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*The Future is in Our Nature*

April 9, 2022

The Honorable James Comer  
2410 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Comer:

On behalf of the Friends of Land Between the Lakes, we thank you for your support and long-term financial commitment to The Land Between the Lakes (LBL). We are especially appreciative of your recent work to pass the Land Between The Lakes Recreation and Heritage Act.

This legislation recognizes the enormous upkeep/maintenance concerns to accommodate the needs and interests of more than 200,000 visitors per year. Equally important it recognizes the rich history of the area and the personal sacrifices made by so many local families to establish LBL.

As a part of the National Forest Service, the LBL provides important examples of best practices in conservation, forest health, environmental education and family recreation. It is a national treasure located in far western Kentucky within a days drive of 30% of America's population.

We would enjoy hosting you, your family or members of your staff for a weekend or a week to show you its amazing richness in person.

Let us know how we can help you to keep up this important work.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy Moore Waldrop  
President Elect  
Friend of Land Between the Lakes



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March 7, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Lyon County Judge Executive Wade White, Trigg County Judge Executive Hollis Alexander, and Stewart County Mayor Robin Brandon, please accept this letter that we are in support of the amendments to the Land Between the Lakes Protection Act that will create additional funding to maintain LBL. It will create language that will help continue to protect LBL. It will help to continue educating the youth in our region. It will also help in continuing to promote health and adventure tourism with its numerous opportunities for recreation. And last but certainly not least, protect the heritage of LBL for the families that the land was originally taken from.

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Sincerely,

Peggy Meriedeth  
Mayor

**Kenneth C. Imes**  
Calloway County Judge/Executive



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March 7, 2022

Re: Land Between The Lakes Protection Act

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Calloway County Fiscal Court, please accept this letter of support for the above referenced project. Calloway County joins Trigg, Lyon, and Marshall Counties in Kentucky and Stewart County in Tennessee in support of the amendments to the Act that will secure additional federal support and funding to maintain Land Between The Lakes. The amendments will create language that will protect the nature and beauty of the land, continue support for education of youth in our region, and promote health and recreation through adventure tourism opportunities.

Land Between The Lakes offers over 170,000 acres of recreation for fishing, hunting, wildlife and sporting activities. In addition it provides educational opportunities, scenic trails and roads, campsites, and other activities that attract over 1,500,000 visitors every year. This economic impact is felt by all the counties in and around the region.

Calloway County is in the process of improving many roads that lead to and from the Land Between The Lakes and we recently established a Tourism Commission focused on developing commerce and marketing the LBL heritage. Therefore, we are committed to working together to improve the quality of life for our citizens and share the concerns of others for what happens to Land Between The Lakes in the future.

Please accept this letter of support and feel free to call if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Kenneth C. Imes  
Judge Executive



## Carlisle County Fiscal Court

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*Greg Terry, County Judge Executive*

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Sincerely,

Greg Terry  
Carlisle County Judge Executive



## **CITY OF EDDYVILLE**

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### **To Whom It May Concern:**

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John L. Choat".

**John L. Choat, Mayor  
City of Eddyville**



## HOLLIS L. ALEXANDER

TRIGG COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

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May 9, 2022

Honorable James Comer  
2410 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Comer,

I proudly support the efforts of local officials to maintain Land Between the Lakes. We support amendments to the Land Between the Lakes Protection Act that will create additional funding to maintain LBL. Lyon County Judge Executive Wade White, Stewart County, TN Mayor Robin Brandon and I understand the importance and impact LBL has on our residents and visitors. The Protection Act will create language that will help continue to protect LBL and help to continue educating the youth in our region. It will also help in continuing to promote health and adventure tourism with its numerous opportunities for recreation. And most importantly, it will protect the heritage. Families were ripped from their homes to create a haven for others. We must maintain this area for their sacrifices in addition to having this gem for our families and visitors.

We are concerned for the future of LBL and the negative economic impacts it could have on the entire region of Western Kentucky and Northwestern Tennessee.

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Regards,

Hollis L. Alexander  
Trigg County Judge Executive





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March 4, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Lyon County Judge Executive Wade White, Trigg County Judge Executive Hollis Alexander, and Stewart County Mayor Robin Brandon, please accept this letter expressing the City of Hopkinsville's support of the amendments to the Land Between the Lakes Protection Act that will create additional funding to maintain LBL. These amendments will create language that will help continue protecting LBL, educating the youth in our region and promoting health and adventure tourism with its numerous opportunities for recreation. And last but certainly not least, it will protect the heritage of LBL for the families from whom the land was originally taken.

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Sincerely,

Wendell A. Lynch, Mayor  
City of Hopkinsville



CITY OF  
**Madisonville**

**Kevin Cotton**  
MAYOR

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Sincerely,

CITY OF MADISONVILLE



Kevin Cotton  
Mayor



Craig Z. Clymer

*McCracken County Judge Executive*

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March 7, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

The people of McCracken County, on behalf of Lyon County Judge Executive Wade White, Trigg County Judge Executive Hollis Alexander, and Stewart County Mayor Robin Brandon, are in full support of the amendments to the Land Between the Lakes Protection Act that will create additional funding to maintain LBL. The language that will be created by this amendment will continue to protect LBL and will help continue educating the youth in our region. The numerous opportunities for recreation LBL offers will also continue to promote health and adventure tourism. The heritage of LBL for the descendants of the original land owners would, also, continue to be protected.

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Sincerely,

Craig Z. Clymer  
McCracken County Judge Executive

Bob Rogers  
Mayor



# City of Murray



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Sincerely,

Bob Rogers, Mayor  
City of Murray, Kentucky

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Sincerely,

Mayor Jarvis



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Sincerely,

Jason A. Vincent  
Executive Director





*Commonwealth of Kentucky*  
**Wade White**  
**Lyon County Judge / Executive**

March 6, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of Lyon County's support of the amendments to the Land Between the Lakes Protection Act that will create additional funding to maintain LBL. It will create language that will help continue to protect LBL.

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This change in legislation will be the most important piece of work we have accomplished at LBL in years. It is a gamechanger for the things we want in Land Between the Lakes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wade White", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Wade White  
Lyon County Judge Executive