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March 17, 2016

The Honorable Chris Girdler, Co-Chairman
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Members of the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee
Legislative Research Commission
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Senator Girdler, Representative Belcher, and Members of the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee:

I am in receipt of your letter regarding your March 15, 2016 Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee meeting. Based on the four votes of approval and the consideration of Senator Girdler's intended vote of approval upon arrival to your meeting, it is the decision of this Office to approve and proceed with all six land acquisitions that were presented to the committee:

- 1) Ikerd Property (Pulaski County)
- 2) Forestland Group Property (Crittenden County)
- 3) Gills' Branch Property (Owen County)
- 4) House Property (Owen County)
- 5) Jones Property (Ballard County)
- 6) Reesor Property (Nelson and Larue Counties)

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

William M. Landrum III
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Dear Secretary Landrum:

Unfortunately, due to the hecticness of the end-of-session caucus meetings and other constituent related meetings, I was unable to attend the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee meeting in its entirety on March 15, 2016, to record my vote on the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife land acquisitions that were on the agenda. As Chairman of this committee and after members had been given plenty of time to review the agenda and no concerns were raised in that respect, I felt it best to proceed with the meeting regardless of my personal schedule.

Upon arriving at the committee, I asked for a reconsideration of the vote in order to cast my vote in favor of, which would have allowed the motion of approval on the land acquisitions to pass. The motion for reconsideration was opposed by the one dissent vote on committee. I would like the record to reflect that if I had been present on the original roll call it would have been a five to one vote in favor of the Fish and Wildlife land acquisitions.

I strongly support the land acquisition activities endeavored by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife for the following reasons:

- The Ikerd Property contains small ponds and lakes for bank fishing with handicap access. The property is mostly wooded with some open areas which have potential for small game hunting.
- The Forestland Group Property adjoins the Fish and Wildlife Department's existing Big Rivers WMA located in Crittenden County. This acquisition will provide increased hunting and outdoor recreation.
- The Gills' Branch and House Properties are located near the Fish and Wildlife Department's existing Kleber WMA in Owen County. With Owen County being the number one deer producing county in the state, this property provides increased hunting and outdoor recreation.

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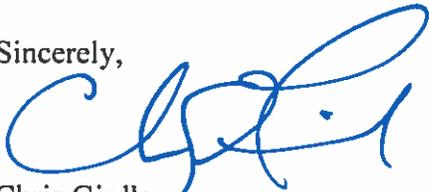
- The Jones Property will provide public access to two of the Fish and Wildlife Department's managed lakes in Ballard County which currently have no public access.
- The Reesor Property is located within the most heavily populated areas of the state and will provide increased hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation. The majority of the property is woodland with considerable access to the Rolling Fork River.

I have always supported the preservation and conservation of our lands throughout the Commonwealth. As an avid outdoorsman, I want to ensure that my daughters and future generations are able to enjoy Kentucky's exquisite and natural beauty.

In addition, these type of acquisitions provide greater access for the public to enjoy their hunting and fishing privileges. These type of projects create a much greater economic impact that greatly exceeds any potential loss of property tax revenue as demonstrated by various studies conducted.

Thank you for your consideration, and I urge you to move forward with all of these projects that will have a significant and positive impact across the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Sincerely,



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State Senator

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