



SAMPSON COUNTY

NORTH CAROLINA

18 March 2026

The Honorable Dr. Gregory Murphy
United States Congress
407 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Murphy:

On behalf of the Sampson County Board of Commissioners, I am writing to express our strong support for federal funding to advance the development of the Joe Britt Warren Industrial Park in Newton Grove. This project represents a strategic opportunity to position Sampson County as a competitive location for industrial recruitment, private investment, and job creation in rural eastern North Carolina.

In December 2022, Sampson County made a significant local investment by acquiring approximately 210 acres at Exit 341 on Interstate 40, with convenient access to I-95, providing excellent east-west and north-south market connectivity. Since that acquisition, the County has completed key pre-development work through a grant from the NC Southeast Partnership, including conceptual site plans, a Preliminary Engineering Report, and a Traffic Impact Analysis, as well as demolition of existing structures, relocation of a family cemetery, and extension of broadband infrastructure. These steps have substantially improved the site's readiness, but critical infrastructure investments remain necessary to make the property development ready.

Federal funding is needed to support the engineering design and initial construction of essential infrastructure, including water and sewer extensions, internal roadways, grading, stormwater management, and coordination of utilities such as electricity, natural gas, and broadband. These investments will allow Sampson County to accommodate prospective industrial users, many of whom require immediate occupancy and reliable utility capacity. Without these improvements, businesses will choose other locations, limiting economic growth, private investment, and job creation, both within Sampson County, and the region.

The Joe Britt Warren Industrial Park represents a high-impact project that can help generate significant economic returns for North Carolina's Third Congressional District, including new employment opportunities, increased private investment, and expanded tax revenues. The Sampson County Board of Commissioners strongly requests your support for federal funding to advance this project and position our County for long-term industrial growth and opportunity.

Thank you for your friendship, leadership and consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,


Allen McLamb
Chair, Sampson County Board of Commissioners

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Sampson County Economic Development Board

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Dear Congressman Murphy:

On behalf of the Sampson County Economic Development Board, I am writing to express our support for federal funding to advance the development of the Joe Britt Warren Industrial Park in Newton Grove, NC. As a board dedicated to fostering economic growth throughout Sampson County, we recognize that this project represents a critical opportunity to attract industry, generate quality jobs, and expand the county's tax base, strengthening the economic future of our county and the region.

The Joe Britt Warren Industrial Park is a strategically positioned site for industrial and commercial development. Since the County's acquisition of the 210-acre property, significant progress has been made, including conceptual site planning, a Preliminary Engineering Report, and a Traffic Impact Analysis, which has further enhanced the site's readiness for development.

Despite these efforts, critical infrastructure improvements are necessary to make the site fully development ready. Federal support will allow the County to complete engineering design and initial construction for water and sewer extensions, internal roadways, grading, stormwater management, and utility coordination. Completing these improvements will help ensure that the site can accommodate prospective industrial projects.

The Joe Britt Warren Industrial Park has the potential to be a transformative project for Sampson County, creating high-quality jobs, attracting private investment, and strengthening the county's long-term economic resilience. Federal funding will enable the County to fully realize this potential, positioning Sampson County as a competitive leader in industrial development and supporting the prosperity of our county's residents for generations to come.

The Sampson County Economic Development Board respectfully requests your support for this investment in our County, and we genuinely appreciate your leadership in helping communities like ours create opportunities for growth, innovation, and workforce development, efforts that will ensure North Carolina remains a national leader in economic development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chuck Spell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chuck" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Spell".

Chuck Spell
Chair, Sampson County Economic Development Board



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Dear Congressman Murphy:

As Mayor of Newton Grove, I am proud to express my support for federal funding for the Joe Britt Warren Industrial Park. This project is more than a future industrial park, it is an opportunity to revitalize our town, create new jobs for our neighbors, and build a future where our children can return home to meaningful work and a community, they are proud to call their own.

The park's location at Exit 341 on Interstate 40, just minutes from I-95, which makes it an ideal spot for businesses and industry looking for access and visibility. Since Sampson County purchased the property in December 2022, continued progress has been made including site planning, engineering studies, demolition of outdated structures, relocation of a family cemetery, and even the extension of broadband, all steps that clearly demonstrate a strong commitment to making the park a reality and ready for development.

But to fully realize this vision, we need federal support to complete critical infrastructure like water and sewer extensions, roadways, grading, and stormwater management. These improvements will allow Newton Grove and Sampson County to attract industries that provide good-paying jobs and long-term economic stability for our town.

The Joe Britt Warren Industrial Park has the power to transform our hometown and to give our young people a reason to stay, to return, and to thrive here. With federal investment, we can create opportunities that will help our families, our schools, and our community for generations to come.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration of this important project that will help Newton Grove and Sampson County grow stronger while keeping the heart of our town alive.

Sincerely,

Craig Warren, Mayor
Town of Newton Grove, NC.



March 17, 2026

The Honorable Dr. Greg Murphy
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Murphy:

As President of NC's Southeast, a 20-county regional economic development organization, I am writing to express our support for federal funding to advance the development of the Joe Britt Warren Industrial Park in Newton Grove, Sampson County. This project represents a strategic opportunity not only for Sampson County but for the broader Eastern North Carolina region, as it will expand industrial capacity, attract private investment, and strengthen the region's economic competitiveness.

NC's Southeast has extensively supported the County's early work at the Joe Britt Warren site, including planning, engineering studies, and master site development. These efforts have assisted by enhancing the site which has exceptional access to Interstate 40 and I-95, making it highly attractive for industrial and commercial users seeking reliable transportation and logistics connections across the Southeast.

The full development of this site will have regional significance, creating opportunities for companies to locate in a part of the state that has historically faced challenges in attracting large-scale industrial projects. By expanding industrial infrastructure in Sampson County, the Joe Britt Warren Industrial Park will support employment growth, increase private capital investments, and help retain local talent, while also serving as a catalyst for further economic development across neighboring counties in Eastern North Carolina.

Federal support to complete engineering design and initial infrastructure construction, including water and sewer extensions, internal roadways, stormwater management, and utility coordination, is critical to bringing this site to fruition. Investment in the Joe Britt Warren Industrial Park will enhance its readiness for prospective businesses and strengthen the region's industrial infrastructure, positioning Eastern North Carolina to attract new opportunities in advanced manufacturing, logistics, defense, and other growth industries. Additionally, with Sampson County's strategic location between Fort Bragg, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, and Camp Lejeune, the site is particularly well-suited to support defense-related supply chains and associated industries, further increasing its regional significance.

NC's Southeast encourages your support for this important investment in the Joe Britt Warren Industrial Park. This project will not only transform Sampson County but will also enhance the economic competitiveness of Eastern North Carolina, creating lasting benefits for businesses, workers, and communities throughout the region.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Yost".

Steve Yost
President, NC's Southeast

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