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Travis Brock, Senior Legislative Aide to Tim Schaffer
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Dear Mr. Brock:

Ohio's state parks are a community good and are enjoyed by many Ohioans as well as those from out of state. In the past few years, the popularity of state parks has increased, showing that they deserve strong investment at the state level.

I was disappointed to learn that based on the House version of the state operating budget, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources is not going to receive an increase in GRF funding. As a community near Salt Fork State Park, we see the many benefits these parks bring to Ohio communities and their residents. Therefore, I am requesting that ODNR's funding be increased so that we can continue to improve and take pleasure in our state parks and all they have to offer.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources has a team dedicated to keeping these parks in the best condition they can be – providing for a safe and enjoyable experience by park visitors, contributing to the health of those who use the parks, and preserving our state's ecological heritage.

We all know a flat lined budget means we are sliding in the wrong direction on cost increases. We need top-notch equipment in a timely manner. By prioritizing funding for ODNR and Ohio's 75 state parks, you will be sending the message that natural spaces are important and add to the quality of life experienced by Ohioans.

Thank you for your commitment to public service and your willingness to represent your local communities at the Ohio Statehouse. Feel free to contact our office if we can be of assistance to you or your staff.

Sincerely yours in Government Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas D. Orr". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Thomas D. Orr, Mayor

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