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Ohio House of Representatives  
Finance Committee  
Rep Brian Stewart, Chair

Dear Representative Stewart, Ranking Member Sweeney  
and Committee Members:

I am writing to express the support of the Hocking Hills  
Tourism Association for the budget submitted by the Ohio  
Department of Natural Resources and the Division of Parks  
and Watercraft.

The Hocking Hills State Park is an asset to all of Ohio as well  
as Hocking County and adjoining counties, the Hocking Hills  
State Park is the primary attraction drawing more than four  
million visitors annually.

These visitors support hundreds of small local businesses.  
Tourism in the Hocking Hills supports more than 1500 jobs.  
Tax revenue generated for the State of Ohio and Hocking  
County exceeds \$18 million.

Our Association is extremely grateful for the resources  
dedicated by ODNR and the Division of Parks and Watercraft  
to Hocking Hills State Park, Lake Logan State Park and  
Hocking State Forest and supports the budget as presented.  
We respectfully request this Committee approve the budget.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen Raymore*

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