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Dear Civil Justice Committee,

The Green Township Trustees, Mahoning County, Ohio are opposed to allowing eminent domain to be used to take residents property for recreational bike trails. We are a proponent of HB 288 and are asking for your support.

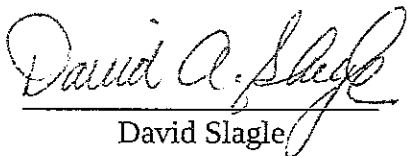
The proposed Mill Creek Bike Trail will separate farms, come within 30 feet of a residence and is not necessary.

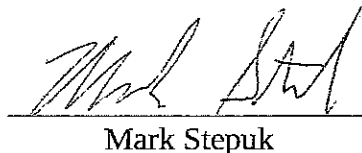
Eastgate Council of Governments, of which Mill Creek Park is a member, has already listed Washingtonville Road as a State bike route. Numerous bicyclist use the road now as a bike trail. This would eliminate the need for eminent domain for a bike way through Green Township properties.

There are sections of Bike ways that are currently on public roads. We see no reason that the Lake to River Bike way should not continue down Washingtonville Road. The traffic count is low, the view is beautiful and the road is wide. Rated as easy to travel, Washingtonville Road has been used as a bike trail for the past 20 years.

Again, we are asking for your support of HB288. Thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

Very truly yours,
Green Township Trustees


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