

Good afternoon Chair Hillyer, Vice-Chair Grendell, Ranking Member Galonski, and members of the House Civil Justice Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony for HB 63. I own property that is being taken from me by Mill Creek MetroParks by the power of eminent domain.

My name is Marjorie Mitchell, I am 83 years old, and I never thought I would be in Columbus at the State House trying to protect my land. My husband Sam and I bought the industrial property parcel west of the railroad parcel on October 17, 1984 and bought the railroad parcel on December 28, 1988. We had planned to run the driveway from our industrial driveway to the railroad drive, so pulling out on State Route 165 would not be dangerous, as our land is between two hills.

It leaves a piece of land on the other side of the bike trail we can no longer use for the driveway. The bike trail is to go right beside our pond, which is dangerous and a liability. We received letters from Mill Creek Park for surveying since January 16, 2007, that we postponed putting the driveway in and finishing our property. A bike trail would devalue my property and be a nuisance to me. I hope you will pass HB 63.