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Dear Ohio Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee,

As your committee makes decisions regarding the budget proposed in HB 33, Morgan Local Schools would like to leverage its full support to ODNR's request for funding for capital improvements and staffing at Jesse Owens State Park in Morgan County.

Beyond the obvious benefits to the region in terms of economic impact for our county, the school district will benefit as well. Our families who own and work at local establishments will thrive, and enrollment will increase as more families decide they want to live where they vacation. Just as schools require resources to operate and maintain their facilities, ODNR also requires adequate funds to maintain and operate their parks. In the same way security has become a top priority in schools, so has it become a priority in these areas where our visitors may be more vulnerable to unscrupulous and possibly dangerous people. Fully funding this entire project will allow ODNR to create, maintain, and operate the park in a way that will allow thousands of visitors to experience this amazingly beautiful area safely for years to come.

Please take the time to consider fully funding the ODNR project at Jesse Owens State Park in Morgan County. This project is incredibly important to the people of Morgan and surrounding counties.

Sincerely,



Dr. Kristin Barker, Superintendent  
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