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Ohio Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources committee

To whom it may concern,

This is a letter of support for the increase of funds from House Bill 33 to improve Jesse Owens State Park in Morgan County. The improvements are much needed and vital to our county. Not only does this bring individuals and families to our area, but it increases awareness of the assets we possess as a community. Morgan County has so many natural resources, wonders, and amazing small business owners. This part of the state can provide an abundance of opportunities for fun and learning.

My family loves to explore the outdoors and we are always looking for new locations. We are also a group who love camping, and a new camp site is so exciting. Jesse Owens State Park is so close to the Wilds and many other fantastic attractions in multiple counties. At the current moment there is a shortage and an extremely long wait list to camp statewide. You must reserve your spot at least six months out. Private campgrounds charge almost 2-3 times more for a spot and sometimes it's not feasible. State Parks are a valuable resource to our state.

I want to again stress my support for the funds increase from House Bill 33 to improve Jesse Owens State Park.

Thank you for your consideration.

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