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Councilwoman of the Village of Malta

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Ohio Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

RE: House Bill 33

Dear Members of the Ohio Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee:

My name is Leslie Robbins. I am currently serving the Village of Malta, County of Morgan. I am writing in support of House Bill 33. As a life long resident of Morgan County, I have seen the effects of living in Appalachia Ohio. My village has approximately 300 homes. As a councilwoman, the tax base is very low; therefore, the Mayor and the Council members work very hard to attract business and tourism. With the Muskingum River and AEP Lands, the tourism generated has helped keep our county and small villages alive. With the plans of improvements being made to the Jesse Owens State Park, Morgan County would gain beneficial employment opportunities, allow us to promote the small village lifestyle, and support many local businesses that call Morgan County home.

As you prepare your budget to maintain and operate the stet parks of Ohio, please consider to continue your support of Southeastern Ohio/Morgan County area businesses and residents.

Thank you for your time,



Leslie Robbins

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Village of Malta, County of Morgan, State of Ohio