

Courage

Confidence

Character

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Senator Matt Dolan
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
Ohio State Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Senator Dolan,

I am pleased to write in support of Senate Bill 288. Girl Scouts of Western Ohio is the largest Girl Scout Council in Ohio, serving 28,000 girls with the help of 10,000+ adults across 30 counties in Western Ohio. Our mission is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. A key component of the Girl Scout experience is outdoor activities, particularly at camp, where girls discover who they are and how they can positively impact the future.

Thank you and the Legislature for your hard work in developing Senate Bill 288. I am especially grateful for the inclusion of Girl Scouts of Western Ohio in this important piece of legislation. Your attention to the needs of our community is greatly appreciated.

The funding provided by SB 288 will be vital for making essential capital improvements at our Warren County camps—Camps Stonybrook, Whip Poor Will, and Butterworth. The upgrades that will make our camps more inclusive for all girls and the adults who support them include enhancing accessibility with improved tent units, latrines, hard surface paths, parking lots, signage and wayfinding support, pool houses, and lodges. These changes will ensure that all girls, including those with physical disabilities or limitations, can fully experience the benefits of camp. By investing in these critical improvements, we will uphold our belief that every girl is better for including all girls, thus fostering an inclusive environment for future leaders to learn and grow.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to our state's future. Your efforts are making a meaningful difference.

Sincerely,



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