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The Honorable Governor Mike Parson
P.O. Box 720
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Mr. Ben Ellis, Director
Missouri State Parks
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Governor Parson and Director Ellis

It is my privilege to write a letter of support and endorsement for the Rock Island Trail across mid-Missouri. As the Community Foundation which represents the southern half of our state, our mission is to enhance the quality of life for all citizens in our region. This trail enhances that for our citizens in so many ways. By boosting tourism in the region, it also assists in economic development. By providing a quality trail, it also assists in promoting good health for our residents and visitors. And most certainly, one of the greatest assets in our state is its inherent natural beauty. The Rock Island Trail captures that beauty and allows visitors and citizens to enjoy.

We appreciate the support of the department and state to help facilitate the completion of the first 47 miles, and encourage the continued support and investment to complete the project. It will be a tremendous asset for that region, and helps to leverage and connect already existing and enjoyed trails for Missourians.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for the completion of the Rock Island Trail.

Warm Regards,

Brian Fogle, president
Community Foundation of the Ozarks