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Dr. Vincent Troia
Chief Executive Officer
Ohio River Trail Council
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue
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RE: Ohio River Trial Council – Ohio River Trail Project

Dear Dr. Troia:

I am writing to offer my full support for the Ohio River Trail Project, a multi-use trail along the Ohio River and its tributaries, as advanced by the Ohio River Trail Council (ORTC).

The Ohio River Trail (ORT), including the North Shore Extension and Bradys Runs Extension, stretches through 26 communities in Western Pennsylvania and hopes to connect Coraopolis to the Pennsylvania state line. The goal of the ORTC is to work together with communities, businesses, and federal, state, and local government to promote and protect a continuous corridor of both natural and cultural resources. They hope to provide recreational opportunities, heritage development, environmental stewardship, transportation networks, and economic stimulus through the development of the ORT. In addition the environmental, economic, and recreational opportunities the ORT presents, the trail will add another regional asset to attract tourism and the related tourism-associated commerce to Western Pennsylvania. I believe that the ORTC is an organization that is committed to excellence and your clear vision and passion for the Ohio River Trail will lead to continued success in bringing this project to completion. Accordingly, please accept my full support for the Ohio River Trail project and any assistance I can offer in the future.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office if you should require any assistance or should any state-related questions arise. Thank you for your continued dedication to making the Ohio River Trail a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Pippy".

John Pippy

JRP/wt