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Mr. Christopher Niewold  
Program Manager  
Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
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Washington, DC 20020

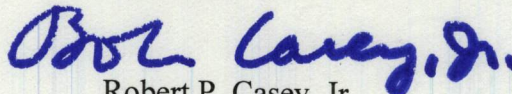
Dear Mr. Niewold:

It is my understanding that the Ohio River Trail Council (ORTC) has submitted an application for funding through the U.S. Department of the Interior's Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program. The purpose of this letter is to urge you to give full and fair consideration to this proposal.

I have been informed that ORTC will use funding from this program to conduct feasibility studies on the construction of a 41-mile, multi-use trail along the Ohio River. I have been advised that upon completion, the ORTC's portion of the trail will serve to connect a larger, 100-mile trail throughout West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania. As it appears, the project will provide extensive fitness and recreation opportunities for people from the 27 communities who reside along the route.

Thank you in advance for the consideration of my views. Please include this letter in the official record of the application. Consistent with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, I also request that you keep me informed of the status of this grant application. Finally, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me or my staff at (412) 803-7370.

Sincerely,



Robert P. Casey, Jr.  
United States Senator