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To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider this letter as evidence of my support of the Ohio River Trail Council's Transportation, Community, and System Preservation Program (TCSP) grant application.

This funding would be used to implement the first phase of the South Shore Trail Feasibility Study, a 2.5-mile trail connecting a proposed sports complex and the existing Montour trail through Coraopolis Borough along the Ohio River to Moon Township. The Council's vision for the trail was supported by a grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for this feasibility study. The South Shore Trail would ultimately link eight separate communities along the Ohio River encompassing more than 12 miles of riverfront green space. This portion of the project, the 2.5-mile trail, is significant in that it would link communities to existing trails that connect Pittsburgh to Washington, D.C.

Thank you, in advance, for allowing me to offer this letter of support. I urge the Department of Transportation to look favorably upon this application so that the Ohio River Trail Council can continue its effort to link communities through greenways that promote efficiency and environmental stewardship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne D. Fontana".

Wayne D. Fontana
State Senator, 42nd Senatorial District

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