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The Honorable Eric Greitens, Governor
PO Box 720
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Ms. Carol Comer, Director
Missouri Department of Natural Resources
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1101 Riverside Dr.
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Governor Greitens and Director Comer:

On behalf of the Board of Aldermen and Citizens of the Owensville community, we express our ongoing interest and support of the Rock Island Trail across mid-Missouri. After hearing presentations from, and talking with, Greg Harris and local representatives of Missouri Rock Island Trail (MORIT), it is with pleasure that we write this letter of endorsement to support and encourage your continuing efforts regarding the Rock Island Trail development.

Once all the details of such an endeavor are surfaced and plans made to address consequences, both known and even some possible unforeseen, there is a bright future for what can be one of Missouri's great assets! The positive economic impact of such a system, which will hopefully be managed by a Missouri entity (as opposed to a national entity), is great!

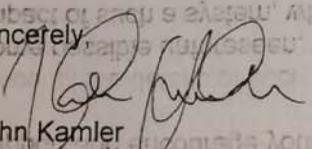
As evidence of the economic developments along the Trail, the following are NEW developments positioned right alongside the Trail in Gasconade County:

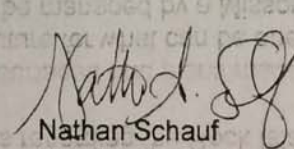
- Owensville:
 - Bicycle Sales and Repair Shop
 - Krooked Moon Distillery and Steakhouse
 - Rock Island Marketplace: bistro, meat market and more
 - Sweet Caroline's Steakhouse
- Rosebud:
 - Loeb's Mill Bar & Grill

As you can see, entrepreneurs are moving forward with their visions to be ready for visitors from all over the globe and are determining how they can serve those who are attracted to the Rock Island Trail. These are small examples of what will bring a positive economic impact to communities such as ours, while visitors enjoy our beautiful Missouri terrain in the foothills of the Ozarks.

Thank you for all you do to help develop economic opportunities in our great State and enhance our quality of life!

Sincerely,


John Kamler
Mayor


Nathan Schauf
City Administrator

CC: Senator Mike Kehoe
Representative Tom Hurst
Greg Harris, Executive Director, Missouri Rock Island Trail