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The Honorable Governor Parson P.O. Box 720
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Mr. Ben Ellis, Director Missouri Department of Natural Resources P.O. Box 176 1101 Riverside Drive Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Governor Parson and Director Ellis:

On behalf of the City of Barnett, we would like to congratulate the State of Missouri and the Department of Natural Resources for your support prior, current and future commitments to the construction and maintaining the Rock Island Trail in mid-Missouri.

The Rock Island Trail stands to offer Missourians tremendous outdoor recreation opportunities as well as opportunities for rural economic development in communities along the trail. The Rock Island Trail, as a sister to the KATY Trail, will place Missouri in the spotlight as a worldwide trail destination for a grand Midwest American experience.

Barnett is very excited for the opportunities this will bring to our small community. Due to our limited funding, we know that this trail will bring so much to our community. The boost to our economy from tourism, the boost in Community pride and the general health of the citizens who would choose to use the trail. There is so much more that this could provide for our area.

Sincerely, Deanne Thomas

Jeanne Thomas, City Clerk

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