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The Honorable Governor Mike Parson P.O. Box 720 Jefferson City, MO 65102

Mr. Ben Ellis, Director Missouri State Parks P.O. Box 176 Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Governor Parson and Director Ellis:

It is my privilege to write a letter of support and endorsement for the Rock Island Trail across mid-Missouri. As a community health system, Capital Region Medical Center's mission is to improve the health and promote wellness in the communities we serve. This trail will traverse through a large portion of CRMC's service area and will offer a safe and scenic escape for physical activity. Access to trails like this one, encourage healthy family adventures and the chance to experience the beauty of Missouri's natural resources.

We appreciate the support of the department and state to help facilitate the completion of the first 47 miles and encourage the continued support and investment to complete the project. It will be a tremendous asset for that region and helps to leverage and connect already existing and enjoyed trails for Missourians.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for the completion of the Rock Island Trail.

Sincerely,

Gaspare Calvaruso, President