

To:

House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
Rep. Ken Rahjes, Chair

From:

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Date: January 30, 2025

Re: HB 2063 Establishing a state conservation fund

Chairman Rahjes and members of the Committee,

I am a hiker, bicyclist, and kayaker and love getting to spend time outside in Kansas. This bill would provide funds to help support parks and trails in Kansas. And we have some great ones! I have ridden the Prairie Spirit Trail, portions of the Flint Hills Trail, and several trails in southern Kansas as well. I usually go out for the weekend and camp or stay at local hotels or bed and breakfast places. It is also fun to find a local restaurant to celebrate a day-long ride with a good dinner and piece of pie. Developing and maintaining trails supports local Kansas businesses. Through this bill, local organizations that build trails like the Kanza Rail-Trails Conservancy, could develop and maintain additional trails to provide outdoor recreation opportunities which improve the health of Kansans. It would use portions of sales taxes on outdoor goods, so no new taxes are even required! This is a win! This bill provides a way to invest in our state's infrastructure and in the health of Kansans. Please support HB 2063. Thank you. If you would like to get out on the trail, please contact me and I would be happy to show you around the trail.

Sincerely,

Lynne Beatty