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Rep. Ken Rahjes, Chairman
House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
Kansas State Capitol
300 SW 10th St.
Topeka, Kansas 66612

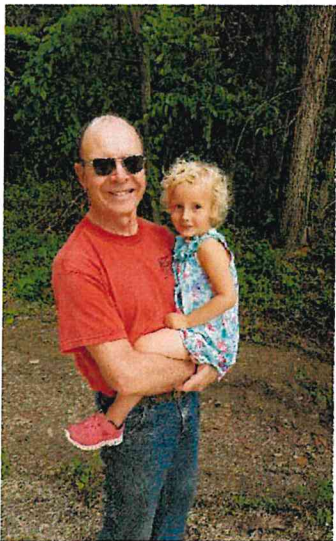
Dear Chairman Rahjes and Members of the House Committee of Agriculture and Natural Resources,

Hi! My name is Moira Springer, and I am a ten-year-old resident of Allen County. I am writing to express my support for HB2331, creating Lehigh Portland State Park.

In 2014, my dad and older brother started to help build the Lehigh Portland Trail System with many other volunteers. I would get to go out and play while they would cut trees, clear paths, and burn brush creating a new space for me and so many others to safely explore and play within. I have seen this property when there were no trails there, and I have watched it grow into the beautiful area it is today.

I have been able to explore John Brown's Cave and go all the way through it with my friends. And one night we got to see the Super Moon from Lehigh: it was beautiful!

I hope you create Lehigh Portland State Park out of this property that I love so much. This would mean that when I am older and have my own kids, we could spend time out there like I get to with my family now. It would mean that if my kids have kids...they could do the same. And it means kids from all over the state, and surrounding states, can come visit my community and see how beautiful southeast Kansas is.



*Left pic: Grandpa and me on the trails in 2016 (I was 4) a month before they opened.
Right pic: I was asked to talk about how much I love Lehigh Portland for a video about green spaces in 2022 (I was 9).*

Thank you,

Moira Springer

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Resident of Allen County