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Testimony in support of SB 331

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, as mayor of Council Grove, Kansas I am writing to you in support of adding the Flint Hills Trail to the state Parks System.

The Trail runs through Council Grove and benefits our community in many ways. Cyclist and bikers eat in our restaurants, shop in our stores and stay in our hotels thus strongly supporting our economy. Several events on the Trail each year allow us to showcase our beautiful little town and the Flint Hills to visitors from all over the world. The Trail also provides a great opportunity as a place for local residents to enjoy and exercise with their families.

The Flint Hills Trail is a true asset to our community and our state. I strongly feel that it merits State Park status and would encourage you to support SB 331 without amendments.

Thank you for your time and consideration concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Debi Schwerdtfeger

Mayor, City of Council Grove