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April 26, 2021

Peter A. DeFazio  
Chairman  
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2165 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Sam Graves  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Transportation and  
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2164 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am writing in support of \$2.0 million for the East Dayton Rails-to-Trails (Flight Line) for consideration in Surface Transportation Authorization Legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Dayton and the project is located in Dayton, Ohio – the linear trail begins in the City of Dayton’s Oregon District at McDonough Street (45402) and ends in Kettering’s Delco Park (45429).

The funding is designated to support the East Dayton Rails-to-Trails project which completes two gaps in the Miami Valley’s regional trail network, connecting Downtown Dayton and the City of Kettering to 350+ miles of multi-use trails.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars since acquisition of the rail corridor will catalyze design and construction for two sections of trail: a northern elevated trail and parkway, known as the Flight Line, connecting to the Creekside Trail and a southern trail connecting to the Iron Horse Trail. The Flight Line will transform a blighted rail line into an asset in the historic neighborhoods of Huffman, St. Anne’s Hill, and Linden Heights, while establishing a regional attraction. Both sections will drive economic development by improving access to regional business and employment centers and by providing a new alternative transit route for thousands of Dayton employees. The project completes essential recreation connections for all Miami Valley trail users and supports our region’s reputation as the home of the largest paved trail network.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Turner  
Member of Congress  
April 26, 2021