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Representative Greg Pence

My name is Debbie Smith, and I am the Executive Director of the Dearborn County Convention, Visitor & Tourism Bureau in Southeast Indiana. I am writing to you today in support of H.R. #4878 in recognition of the American Discovery Trail.

As a tourism official, I have seen firsthand the value of outdoor recreation in America's small communities – particularly coming on the heels of the pandemic when visitors took to the outdoors like never before. Our county is home to Dearborn Trails (part of the American Discovery Trail), which attracts hikers, cyclists, walkers and outdoor enthusiasts of all ages. This popular trail, located adjacent to the Ohio River, has an economic benefit to our community as well as a social one, and has encouraged the development of initiatives such as our River Cities Bike Share program. It is well-used by residents and visitors alike, and would benefit from the increased awareness that federal recognition of the American Discovery Trail would bring.

In closing, thank you for your legislative service, and I kindly encourage you to vote in support of the American Discovery Trail, knowing it will have an impact on small Indiana communities like ours.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debbie Smith".

Debbie Smith

Executive Director

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