

SAMPLE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR KATY TRAIL CONNECTION TO KANSAS CITY

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Governor Blunt,

The potential to "complete the Katy Trail" by connecting the trail to the Kansas City metropolitan area, creating a seamless trail connection across the entire state, is an exciting one for Missouri.

The Kansas City connection will help maintain the Katy Trail's status as one of Missouri's most popular state parks and an international tourist and recreation destination. Connecting the Katy Trail to Kansas City will make the trail the centerpiece of a complete, seamless statewide trail network that will allow bicyclists, runners, walkers, hikers, nature enthusiasts, bird watchers, and others to safely connect to communities and natural areas across Missouri.

The potential for the Katy Trail to act as the hub of a "Quad State Trail", connecting communities in Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, and Illinois to those in Missouri, creates additional potential for tourism and economic development. The connection between the existing Katy Trail and the Kansas City metropolitan area is the key to allowing this Quad State Trail system to develop.

The complete Katy Trail and the Quad-State Trail System will provide tremendous tourism, economic development, and public health benefits to communities and to the public.

I support the Katy Trail connection to Kansas City, commend its economic, natural, and health benefits, and respectfully urge the Governor, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the Missouri Attorney General, and other interested parties to move with all due haste in completing the Katy Trail network from state line to state line.

Sincerely yours,

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