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February 5, 2008

Dr. Poonam Jain
ITS Trail Committee, Inc.
916 North Easton Street
Staunton, Illinois 62088

Dear Dr. Jain:

I am writing in strong support of the proposed ITS Trail recreational trail. It is my understanding that this handicapped accessible trail will allow users to run, walk cycle and skate and be available for cross country skiing in the winter months. The regional benefit of this project is significant.

The ITS Trail Committee's decision to establish a multi-purpose recreational trail from Staunton through Sawyerville to Benld demonstrates the committee's understanding of the future impacts of the trail in terms of community health, quality of life and economic development along with a keen awareness of the history surrounding the former Illinois Traction System. The Illinois Traction System was a primary means of connecting communities in Illinois and this trail will help to celebrate that history. This recognition of the past with the strong focus on the future makes this an exciting project

I would like to offer my strong support to the efforts of the ITS Trail Committee as they work to develop this trail system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phil".

PHIL HARE
Member of Congress

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