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Hello City Council Members:

We are not able to attend next Monday's City Council meeting, and want to indicate our support for the proposed allocation of \$700,000 to extend the Merrimack River Greenway Trail on city-owned land south toward Terrill Park.

We are longtime cyclists who have been active in the Concord area for over 30 years and are past members of the Granite State Wheelmen. We have also toured extensively in other parts of the country and Canada and have enjoyed the benefits of multi-use trails in many other cities and states. The economic benefits of these paved trails are undeniable. Many retail shops, restaurants and lodging establishments thrive on the traffic generated by these trail systems. In more urban areas, it's also clear that these trails serve as an important mode of transportation for commuters.

In Concord, we are fortunate to have so many beautiful resources, not the least of which is the Merrimack River and the downtown area. We believe that developing the next phase of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail would be a boon to the local economy and beneficial to residents who want to enjoy the outdoors, and to residents who want access to safer, non-motorized travel routes.

We hope you will put your support behind this worthwhile endeavor.

Regards,

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