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Friends of the Jackson County Trails Committee:

The Economic Development Authority (EDA) of Windom is pleased to support your proposed Belmont Park Mountain Bike Trail. Livability is a focus area of the Windom EDA. We see the Belmont Park Mountain Bike Trail as a new regional amenity that will help to attract people to the area.

The Friends of the Jackson County Trails Committee has been successful in previous recreational trail projects. It is our understanding that the entire trail is being planned in Belmont Park. There is support from the local bike shop and the community for this new project. The new mountain biking trail will be a more active recreation project compared to previous projects. This will provide a different recreational experience and attract different user groups.

It is our understanding the Minnesota High School Cycling League also supports the Belmont Park Mountain Bike Trail. Having support from a statewide cycling organization enhances the project and the potential for community partnerships. There are very few opportunities like the potential Belmont Park Mountain Bike Trail in Greater Minnesota, so numerous communities will benefit. The draw for the mountain bike trail will include communities that partner on a regular basis.

The Windom Area Hockey Association is a partnership between several communities that include: Windom, Bingham Lake, Mountain Lake, Lakefield, Heron Lake, Jackson, and other surrounding communities. I foresee a similar draw for the Belmont Park Mountain Bike Trail.

Through this letter, we acknowledge our support for the Belmont Park Mountain Bike Trail. This trail will be the first of its kind in Southwest Minnesota and could grow into a recreational destination. We are excited to support additional recreational amenities in our area.

Sincerely,

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF WINDOM

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