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Attention: Kara Kish, MPA, CPRE, CPSI, Superintendent

Vigo County Parks and Recreation Department

155 Oak Street, Terre Haute, IN 47807

**RE: Griffin Bike Park Support**

Dear Ms. Kish,

This letter is to provide my strong support and endorsement for Griffin Bike Park, a dedicated, 300 acre bike park within the Vigo County Parks and Recreation Department park system, Terre Haute, Indiana.

I support the vision for the Griffin Bike Park which is; *“To create a national caliber destination riding area, that is free and open to the public, designed to provide a full spectrum riding experience for riders of all ages, skills and abilities, and to host world class races, competitions and special events programming that will provide a significant economic impact for the community and sustainable revenue for the maintenance and operation of the facility.”* I believe that the park will have a positive effect on our community by providing exciting new recreational opportunities that promote positive, healthy, and active outdoor lifestyles, for our local youth, parents and families in addition to providing a significant economic impact by becoming an adventure tourism destination that will be unique in both the state and the region.

I also strongly support the mission of the project, which is; *“To create a place for the community to come together in a celebration of those service men and women who have given their lives in the protection of our freedom, our friends and our families.”* And to honor the namesake of the project, Sgt. Dale R. Griffin, who grew up in the community of Terre Haute and enjoyed the adventure of mountain biking with his friends and family. Dale went on to become a Sergeant in the Army and died proudly serving his country as part of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan on October 27, 2009.

Vigo County Parks and Recreation Department, under the direction of Ms. Kara Kish, Superintendent, has assembled a highly motivated and capable advisory committee. The advisory committee has been tasked with spearheading fundraising, design, construction, and will coordinate ongoing operations of the park. The Vigo County Parks and Recreation Department has hired one of the top design firms in the country, Hilride Progression Development Group LLC., for the design and master planning, in order to ensure that the project is executed at the highest level, on time and on budget.

In closing, I strongly support this project and feel that it could benefit our community and become a model for public-private partnerships for public Parks and Recreation Departments across the state of Indiana and the nation.

Sincerely,

Signature:

Name:

Title: