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Northwest Indiana Paddling Association
Meadowbrook Conservation Center and Preserve
109 West 700 North
Valparaiso, IN 46385

Attn: Dan Plath, President

Dear Mr. Plath,

On behalf of the Porter County Farm Bureau, Inc. I am writing to express our support for designation of the Kankakee River Water Trail as a National Water Trail. We support the designation of a National Water Trail for the entire 133 miles of the Kankakee River from the headwaters of the Kankakee River in rural St. Joseph County, Indiana, to the Des Plaines River in Illinois.

Based on the benefits of the creation of the Kankakee River National Water Trail, including increasing community-based recreational opportunities, increased public access, tourism, economic growth, public health improvements, and environmental education, the Porter County Farm Bureau, Inc. supports the Northwest Indiana Paddling Association and the Illinois representatives who are working together to apply for National Water Trail designation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jacob Rust', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jacob (Jack) Rust
County President

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