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Corita Waters
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1201 Eye Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Ms. Waters,

Please consider this letter an indication of my full support for the designation of the Kankakee River Water Trail as a National Water Trail. I endorse the efforts of the Northwest Paddling Association to designate the entire 133 mile length - from the headwaters in rural St. Joseph County, Indiana, to the Des Plaines River in Illinois - as a National Water Trail.

The designation will provide currently unrealized opportunities and benefits to the citizens of Northwest Indiana, including great public access, community-based recreation, economic growth, public health improvement, and environmental education.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of this matter. If you should have any questions regarding my support of the Northwest Paddling Association, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Scott D. Pelath
House Democratic Leader