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January 2, 2015

Ms. Corita Waters
National Park Service
National Recreation Trail Coordinator

Re: Kankakee River Water Trail

Dear Ms. Waters:

I write today to express my support for designation of the Kankakee River Water Trail as a National Water Trail. I 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.

Benefits of the creation of the Kankakee River National Water Trail include increasing community-based recreational opportunities, increased public access, tourism, economic growth, public health improvements, and environmental education. I support the Northwest Indiana Paddling Association and the Illinois representatives who are working together to apply for National Water Trail designation.

Thank you for your consideration of the designation of the Kankakee River Water Trail as a National Water Trail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jim Arnold", written over a circular scribble.

Jim Arnold
Indiana State Senator
Senate District 8