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April 6, 2023

The Honorable Seth Smith
Mayor
City of Mena
520 Mena Street
Mena, Arkansas 71953

Dear Mayor Smith:

Please accept this letter in support of the City of Mena's planning efforts to develop the Trails at Mena Project in the Ouachita National Forest. It is my understanding the endeavor is a trail-focused outdoor recreation development project spanning Arkansas State Parks, U.S. Forest Service, and City of Mena managed lands. This project would reinforce healthy lifestyles, allow for quality family opportunities, and give citizens and visitors another avenue to enjoy the beautiful Ouachita Mountains. Additionally, it will enhance economic development, environmental sustainability, and quality of life for communities in this region.

The Trails at Mena Project would greatly benefit our state, and I fully support the City of Mena's plans to pursue its development efforts. Thank you for your attention in this matter. If I can be of further assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Terry Rice".

Terry Rice
State Senator
District 5

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