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Comments: As a mother with a young family, my husband and I have chosen to raise our children in Mena. I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the Trails at Mena project. My family loves our community and truly hope that this project brings vitality to Mena that allows the residents, families and businesses to prosper.

Our family is already active outdoors and has a deep respect for the natural beauty of our area. We have often traveled to other places to enjoy the kind of amenities that this project promises to bring to Mena. Having mountain bike trails right here in our community will offer our family an exciting and healthy way to spend time together outdoors. Mountain biking is an activity that people of all ages can enjoy, promoting physical fitness and a deep appreciation for nature. Our children will have the wonderful opportunity to develop their biking skills, gain confidence, and understand the importance of an active lifestyle.

As a mother, I strive daily to limit screen time for our children. With trails right in their backyard, they have access to an independent sport, a chance for healthy competition, and the opportunity to appreciate the natural state in all its splendor. These are the kinds of opportunities that parents can only dream of when providing recreational activities for their children.

The personal advantages for our family are merely the beginning. We are thrilled about the potential of the Trails at Mena project to significantly boost our community's charm. It promises to draw outdoor enthusiasts and tourists, which will benefit established local businesses and promote economic development. Furthermore, the availability of such excellent recreational amenities will ensure that our region is an even more attractive location to live, work, and raise a family.

I wholeheartedly and passionately support full implementation of the Trails at Mena project with no restrictions and am eager to see it realized. It promises to be a significant boon for our community, providing benefits both now and in the future.