



February 14, 2018

Al Koglin  
McLeod County Parks  
840 Century Ave. SW  
Hutchinson, MN 55350

Dear Superintendent Koglin,

The Minnesota Distance Running Association (MDRA) would like to add our support to the building of the Dakota Rail Trail from the east county line to Hutchinson. With over 2500 runners currently members of the Minnesota Distance Running Association, we have a strong need for packed limestone and paved trails to train. Keeping the runners off the roads and on a safe usable trail does more than just a safe place to train, it also provides a place for people to exercise and walk, helping with our national obesity crisis. We encourage your efforts to seek funding for the creation of the trail from the old railroad right-of way.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the MDRA Board of Directors,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. McInerney".

Sarah McInerney  
Operations Manager  
Minnesota Distance Running Association