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The Honorable Kumar P. Barve, Chair
The Honorable Dana M. Stein, Vice-Chair
House Environment and Transportation Committee
House Office Building, Room 251
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Support for HB 882

Dear Honorable Chair Barve, Vice-Chair Stein, and House Environment and Transportation Committee,

I would like to show my support for the proposed Pocomoke State Forest Wildlands Trail. As a resident of Worcester County, as well as a small ecotourism business owner in the area, and a current employee of Delaware State Parks, I can see the benefits of a trail like this from a variety of different angles.

This trail would provide a crucial connection that would make outdoors recreation more accessible to the residents of Snow Hill. It would also provide a tourism boost to the town of Snow Hill, as those camping at Shad Landing would have easy access to explore the town. I could envision the Pocomoke River Canoe Company offering one-way kayak rentals where people could return to down by foot. The new riverboat in Snow Hill could even provide tours to Shad Landing, combined with a guided walk back to town.

I can envision endless opportunities with the addition of this trail! Worcester County is lacking safe pedestrian and bicycle pathways and this trail would be a true asset to the entire region. As I saw on a poster years ago, "Roads Divide, Trails Unite!" **Please vote in support of HB 882!**

Please feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss this trail further. I can be reached at Scharle.Media@gmail.com or 410-591-8075.

Happy Trails!

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