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Greetings,

I am writing as a representative of the Old Dominion Appalachian Trail Club to support the project funding under the Great American Outdoors Act to improve the Volunteer Center that supports the Konnarock Volunteer Trail Crew, TRL-080814-FY-22-02 Southern Region Volunteer Center (Trails & Wilderness).

I have been involved in maintaining the Appalachian Trail in Virginia for over 35 years, and for almost all of that time, volunteers have worked from the Konnarock Trail Crew program to support major construction.

This project will support developing a new generation of trail maintainers from a range of cultural and social backgrounds, reflecting the diversity of our younger generations. High quality facilities are needed for volunteer safety, as well as for training and appropriate rest in between work weeks.

The decades of experience of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, its supporting trail clubs, and the National Forests of the Southeast make this a project that can serve the region for decades to come.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Doyle  
Vice President  
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