

Congressman Greg Pence c/o Chief of Staff Hillary Lassiter State of Indiana

Dear Congressman Pence,

On behalf of Visit Madison, Inc., please let it be known that we whole-heartedly support the H.R. #4878 that will give far greater recognition of the American Discovery Trail (ADT).

The ADT crosses Indiana in two places, in both the southern and northern parts of the state, intersecting sections of Jefferson County, which already has countywide significance. The ADT is the backbone of the national trails system and a major spoke of the statewide trails network that will connect many trails in Indiana, and several in the southeastern part of the state, right here in Jefferson County.

Trail expansion brings significant economic significance opportunities in the form of tourism and increased visitation to local businesses. H.R. #4878 will greatly increase the national recognition of the ADT by designating it a *National Discovery Trail*, and increase the public's awareness of the importance of the ADT. This too will award the trail the opportunity for uniform signage for the entire length of the trail. From a tourism perspective, this resolution would be a significant boost to Madison and Jefferson County, Indiana.

We strongly urge your support and sponsorship of H.R. #4878, which elevates the American Discovery Trail into a federally recognized category of "Discovery Trail", within the National Trails System, and enhances the trails experience here in Jefferson County.

Thank you,

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