

December 22, 2025

Board Members, Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District
33 East U.S. Highway 12
Chesterton, Indiana 46304

Dear Board Members of the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District,

We write to support the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) petition for a second entrance at the Indiana Dunes State Park. We thank you in advance for consideration of this request, which would allow the DNR to provide a greater level of safety and security to park goers, emergency services, and residents alike.

In 2024, the combined efforts of the State Park alongside the Indiana Dunes National Park reported \$236 million in direct spending and \$135 million in total economic impact to the surrounding region. As you may know, in Fiscal Year 2024 the Indiana Dunes State Park welcomed a record 1,992,602 visitors. A record number of visitors brings with it new challenges for access to the park not only for guests, but also for emergency services.

At this time, the preexisting park entrance has exceeded its functional capacity, and as such leads to significant backlogs when attempting to enter the park. Therefore, there is an evident need for a secondary entrance to the State Park. This proposed entrance will cross a railroad track along U.S. Route 12 (Tremont Street), which will serve to provide ease of access to visitors and emergency responders alike.

In closing, we ask that you give your full and fair consideration for the petitioned second entrance to the Indiana Dunes State Park, within applicable laws and regulations. Thank you for your consideration.



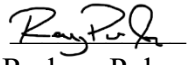
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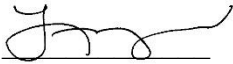
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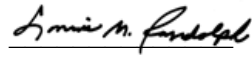
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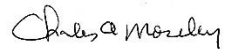
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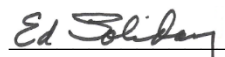
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Jake Teshka

Indiana State Representative

District 7

CC: Matthew Ubelhor, Secretary, Transportation and Infrastructure

Lyndsay Quist, Commissioner, Indiana Department of Transportation