

STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES,
Columbus, February 8, 1968.

HON. ALAN BIBLE,
Old Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR BIBLE: I would like to take this opportunity to stress my endorsement of S. 1401 which would provide an additional source of matching funds to the states for the acquisition of land and the development of outdoor recreational facilities under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.

At present, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources plus a number of our local units of government are utilizing Ohio's current apportionment of the Land and Water Conservation Act funds to help acquire land and create outdoor recreational facilities at some 34 different sites. Unfortunately, however, the present level of funding under this program, even coupled with the funds made available through our state and local bond issues, has not permitted us to meet the current demand for these types of facilities due to an ever expanding population plus more leisure time presently being enjoyed by most segments of our population.

An additional source of Federal matching funds could serve as a much needed stimulus for initiating many of Ohio's outdoor recreation projects that are currently being held in abeyance because of a lack of funds.

I respectfully request your favorable consideration and support of the aims of S. 1401 in order that all levels of government—federal, state and local, be in a position to more adequately and rapidly meet the needs for providing additional outdoor recreational opportunities.

Sincerely,

FRED E. MORR, *Director*.

ARKANSAS PLANNING COMMISSION,
Little Rock, Ark., February 1, 1968.

HON. J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR FULBRIGHT: As you are fully aware, the Arkansas Planning Commission is responsible for administering the Land and Water Conservation Fund of the Department of Interior, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, in the State of Arkansas. Since the beginning of this program, our state has been allocated approximately \$2.6 million and our current year's allocation is \$798,431. These funds have been used to finance significant improvements on several of our state parks and in the acquisition of land and development of outdoor recreation facilities in Little Rock, North Little Rock, Conway, Heber Springs, Bentonville, Magnolia, and Fort Smith. We have several other applications with the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation at the present time.

Senator Jackson has introduced Senate Bill 1401 which would set aside revenue accruing from the "Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act" for the Land and Water Conservation Fund for a period of five years. I understand that hearings before the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee are scheduled for February 5 and 6. I feel very strongly that additional revenue for the Land and Water Conservation Fund is desirable. I feel that additional funds would help the communities of Arkansas acquire suitable land for outdoor recreation facilities before it is committed to other uses and becomes prohibitively expensive. Also, many of our state and city parks are in dire need of development to bring them up to minimum standards for outdoor recreation uses.

I sincerely request that you support Senate Bill 1401 at every opportunity. Thank you for your continuing cooperation.

Sincerely,

WINSTON C. BEARD, *Executive Director*.

STATE OF INDIANA, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES,
Indianapolis, February 2, 1968.

Senator HENRY M. JACKSON,
Chairman, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee,
Old Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR JACKSON: We strongly urge affirmative consideration of Senate Bill No. 1401 by the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee and its com-