Our cost for the completion of this entire project will be in the sum of \$320,000.00. To date we have completed better than 50% of the project, and without the generous aid afforded by both Federal and State funds under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act it would have been virtually impossible for this community to have developed such an area.

Again, we urge your passage of this bill to give other communities the splendid opportunity that we have experienced to fully develop such a fine recreational

area.

Donald R. Deboody, Acting Mayor, Kimball, Nebr. Joan H. Lutey, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Kimball County, Nebr.; L. V. Lane, Chairman, Board of Public Works; Harry R. Meister, Chairman, Kimball City and County Park and Recreation Board; J. Vogler, Secretary, Kimball City and County Park and Recreation Board; Bruce Gualand, Treasurer, Kimball City and County Park and Recreation Board; Wayne Adamson, Board Member, Kimball City and County Park and Recreation Board; Robert G. Sandridge, Board Member, Kimball City and County Park and Recreation Board; Lyle Shaw, Board Member, Kimball City and County Park and Recreation Board.

> SMOKY MOUNTAINS HIKING CLUB, Knoxville, Tenn., January 30, 1968.

Senator HENRY M. JACKSON, Chairman, Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, U.S. Senate, $Washington,\ D.C.$

DEAR SENATOR JACKSON: The Smoky Mountains Hiking Club, by action today of the Board of Directors, endorses and supports your S. 1401, a bill to amend Title I of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965. However, we recommend that the substance of Secretary Stewart L. Udall's proposed further amendments to S. 1401, as mentioned to you in his letter of January 4, 1968, be incorporated into S. 1401.

We appreciate your concern in conservation and recreational development. We shall follow with interest the progress of S. 1401. If we can add further support for this bill, amended as proposed by Mr. Udall, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

O. K. SERGEANT, President.

Anchorage, Alaska, February 5, 1968.

Senator Ernest Gruening, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.:

The City of Anchorage is benefiting greatly through funds received from the land and water conservation funded Bureau of Outdoor Recreation matching grant program. The Jackson bill, S. 1401, and its companion, the Foley H.R. 8575, will establish an additional revenue source for the land and water conservation fund. An increase in the appropriations from this fund is sorely needed both at the Alaska State and local levels. Your active support S. 1401 at the February 5-6 hearings by the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee will be highly beneficial to Alaska. Such support is respectfully requested.

GEORGE M. SULLIVAN, Mayor.

PITTSBURG, KANS., February 6, 1968.

Hon. HENRY JACKSON. U.S. Senate, Chairman, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR JACKSON: Word has come to my office regarding the proposed amending of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 in order to provide the Federal Government, the several states, and local communities with additional funds for recreation and park development. It is my understanding that this amendment is designated as S-1401.

The City of Pittsburg has been fortunate in receiving some \$45,000 in federal funds for the acquisition of additional park space and the renovation of certain