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Dear Secretary Bowles,

I am writing as the President of the Berkshire Bike Path Council (BBPC) in support of the efforts of the Save the Housatonic application to make the 12.9 miles of the upper Housatonic River an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). We share a commitment to preserve this complex and rich ecosystem and increase public awareness of this environmental treasure. The ACEC designation will heighten the scrutiny in the review process and ensure the best possible outcome of the GE clean up efforts. We hope the ACEC designation will support project such as a bike trail, which will bring people to the river. We believe that increased access to this unique environment will improve the long term stewardship of the area.

We are pleased to join so many community organizations and citizens in support of this application. We hope you will give the Save the Housatonic your serious consideration.

Sincerely

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