

## Education and the Workforge Committee

SUBGOMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND WORKFORGE DEVELOPMENT CHAIRMAN

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

## CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WASHINGTON, D.G. 20515

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## Dear Selection Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for the development of a multi-use active transportation path within Sanpete County. This pathway would provide a safe, accessible, and efficient connection between key destinations, including workplaces, parks, schools, homes, and businesses. By prioritizing separation from vehicular traffic, the trail will ensure a high standard of safety and comfort for all users—whether they are walking, biking, or using mobility devices. Investing in this trail presents a significant opportunity for Sanpete County. Beyond improving connectivity for residents, it will enhance tourism, bolster local businesses, and contribute to economic development. Active transportation infrastructure can help increase property values, support local commerce, and attract visitors seeking outdoor experiences. Additionally, the health benefits of increased physical activity and access to safe, enjoyable outdoor spaces cannot be overstated.

The proposed trail is not just a transportation solution—it is a historic investment in the long-term well-being and vitality of Sanpete County. It will serve as a lasting asset, benefiting current residents and future generations alike.

As the member of Congress representing Sanpete County, I fully support this initiative and encourage the collaboration of local, state, and federal partners to make this vision a reality. I urge decision-makers to give their full and fair consideration for funding and resources to bring this transformational project to completion.

Sincerely,

Congressman Burgess Owens (UT-04)