

Bowers Elementary School

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB#536

Good Morning Representative

Feltman

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Senator

Coleman

_____ and members of the Planning and Development Committee. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to speak to you in favor of ^{Raised} ~~raising~~ Senate Bill 536 and to help you understand a little about Center Springs Park, its important relationship to our community, and why we would like to see our park improved.

My name is

_____. I am a resident of Manchester and a fifth grade student at Bowers Elementary School. I

speaking today on behalf of my fellow fifth grade students, who are all interested in the improvement of Center Springs Park in Manchester and the legislative process.

Center Springs Park is located in the center of Manchester. Many of us enjoy the park and others of us would like to enjoy it more. Many, many families live within walking distance of the park. If you were to visit Center Springs Park, especially on a winter weekend, you would see many people sliding, sledding or skating. As you know all families are always looking for places to meet other families and friends and even new people. Center Springs is a perfect place to play, relax and even learn about nature. What I like best about it, is that it doesn't cost a thing.

A supervised play area would make parents feel safer about leaving their kids to play while the parents socialize with other parents and maybe make a play date. Then everyone is happy.

A fitness and biking trail would encourage more people to get out there and exercise. This would also improve the health of residents of Manchester. A fitness trail keeps people moving, happy and healthy.

A nature trail would give people a chance to observe nature in a safe setting. Many of us like to go nature hiking simply because the scenery and being in the woods is so peaceful. No child should be left inside!

Because it's so close, it's a "green" visit for most families.

These are some of the improvements my classmates suggest be made at Center Springs Park.

We think that there should be a supervised child play area.

We think that there should be a fitness and biking trail.

We also think that there should be a nature trail.

If these three improvements were made to Center Springs Park it would improve the park for many reasons.

I hope this helps you make a decision in
favor of ~~raising~~ ^{Raising} Senate Bill No. 536. We
thank you for your time and effort and are
willing and able to answer any questions you
may have.