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Dear Mr. Adams,

I was very concerned to hear that our our public use area may soon be taken away from us. Cook Recreation Area has served as a refuge for my wife and I since we have lived here. In fact it has been a public use area that I have frequented since I was a child when my parents would take me swimming, as a teen where I would launch my boat with my friends and now as an adult. It is a place of peace, tranquility and seclusion. It is that seclusion that causes me the most concern.

Other areas on Percy Priest Lake that are commercial use are on heavily traveled thoroughfares. The roads are wide and have wide shoulders and they do not go through residential areas. Cook Recreation Area is on a dead end road which will significantly increase the flow of traffic in and out of the area. This increased traffic on roads with little or no shoulders will increase the opportunity for serious accidents for residents, visitors and bikers who use this road. It will also impede emergency vehicles access when accidents occur.

Cook Recreation Area is unique and offers many amenities that other public use areas on our lake do not. It has a swimming area, play area for children, picnic tables and plenty of area for families to gather and play. I also understand that there are areas that are no longer being utilized. I believe by partnering with the community many of these areas can be revived and made useful again without commercial lease. I spent many years as a scout leader while each of my three sons were earning their Eagle rank. I know that service hours are a key component while earning rank advancement. These service hours must be clearly defined and supervised projects. By partnering with groups like scouting and residents in our growing community I believe we can help address some of the unused portions of the area.

I appreciate you taking the time to review my concerns. Please consider the issues I have raised and my desire that Cook Recreation Area remain a Public use area.

Thank you,  
Rick Major