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Dear RI State Representatives,

I am writing to express my strong support for a new walking path around Meshanticut Lake in Cranston, and to respectfully request your advocacy and investment in this valuable community project. In economic times like the present it is essential our community offers recreational support to our residents in order to support mental and physical health.

Meshanticut Lake is a cherished part of Cranston's natural landscape, offering residents a peaceful retreat for walking, fishing, and gathering with neighbors. However, the current path around the lake is uneven, narrow in places, breaking from the ground and lacks sufficient accessibility for individuals with mobility challenges, strollers, etc. A new, well-designed walking path would not only improve safety and accessibility, but also encourage healthy outdoor activity and strengthen the sense of community among our Cranston residents.

Improving the path would also reflect a wise investment in public health and environmental sustainability. Walkable green spaces have been shown to reduce stress, promote physical activity, and increase neighborhood pride. Enhancing this space would serve residents of all ages and provide a low-cost recreational option that aligns with broader state goals of wellness, equity, and environmental stewardship.

I urge you to consider supporting state-level funding or grant opportunities that would allow the City of Cranston to make this necessary improvement. Local enthusiasm for this idea is strong, and with your support, it could become a reality that benefits countless Rhode Islanders and our city's future for years to come.

Thank you for your time, consideration and for your continued service to our community.

Sincerely,

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