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"I am writing in favor of retaining the funds allocated for Forebay Park.

I was raised in Pollock Pines, with the majority of my family still living here, and am now a new mother of two children. We frequent Forebay Reservoir, but struggle with the inaccessibility of the trail and facilities. A playground at Forebay Park will provide a safe and accessible place for my children to develop both mentally and physically.

Forebay Park has the potential to directly benefit families, as well as the community as a whole. Through my studies in outdoor recreation with my Bachelor of Science Degree from California State University, Sacramento, the benefits of community parks are numerous. Parks offer gathering spaces for individuals to build social connections with others that strengthen community resilience. The play structure and senior exercise equipment encourage physical movement that is so integral to human physiology and reduction of chronic disease.

Forebay Park has been a long-term dream that locals have privately donated to, fundraised for, and secured outside funding for. At just one mile from shopping, Forebay Park is an added attraction for visitors. Who, in turn, boost our local economy and support our local businesses. The increased property values that will result from Forebay Park's creation will also contribute to higher property tax revenues for our local government. We worked hard to generate funding, and will continue to see the parks economic benefits for decades.

Thank you for listening. Please keep our local families, physical and mental well-being, community pride, and the economic benefits of Forebay Park's creation in mind while making your decision. "

Christy Taxdal, Pollock Pines resident