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Dear Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposal to convert the older tennis courts into outdoor pickleball courts in our community. As an avid pickleball player, I have witnessed firsthand the increasing demand for this sport. Currently, our indoor courts at the Arkansas City Recreation Center are heavily utilized by players of all ages and abilities. However, as the weather improves, there is a growing desire among the community to have outdoor courts available.

Pickleball is a rapidly growing sport that offers significant health and wellness benefits. It is a low-impact, high-enjoyment activity that is accessible to individuals of all ages and skill levels. The creation of outdoor pickleball courts would provide a much-needed space for people in our community to engage in physical activity, socialize, and improve their overall well-being.

Additionally, having local outdoor courts would allow our residents to play pickleball without having to leave the community. Currently, many players are forced to travel to neighboring areas to access outdoor courts, which can be inconvenient and discouraging. By converting the existing tennis courts into pickleball courts, we would not only enhance the recreational opportunities within our community but also keep our residents engaged locally.

This grant would provide the necessary financial support to make this project a reality. The conversion of these courts would not only revitalize an underutilized space but also contribute to the growth of a sport that promotes inclusivity, fitness, and community spirit.

Thank you for considering this important initiative. I wholeheartedly support the proposal and am confident that the new pickleball courts will be a valuable addition to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Landon West", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Landon West, Director  
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