

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Ms. Harriet Joslin
236 W. Tennessee Avenue
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Dear Ms. Joslin:

Thank you for contacting me regarding the use of the Oak Ridge Reservation (ORR). I am honored to serve you in the Senate, and it is a privilege to respond to your concerns.

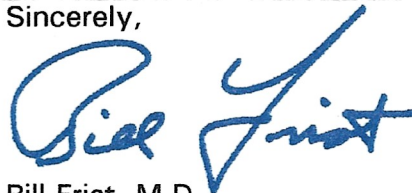
As you know, the Department of Energy (DOE) is currently looking at various land use options for the ORR. While DOE has yet to determine the appropriate uses of this land, I will continue to monitor this situation closely.

One of the most important duties of an elected official is to ensure that the government is a responsible steward of the environment. This duty has always been a challenge, especially in terms of balancing environmental concerns with reasonable use of our natural resources. For far too long, much of the debate has lacked the crucial elements of common sense and balance. I am grateful that you have brought this matter to my attention. Rest assured, I will continue to work to protect our public lands throughout my tenure in the Senate.

Again, thank you for taking the time to contact me. I hope you will continue to share your thoughts and concerns with me throughout my tenure in the Senate. Please contact me whenever I may be of assistance.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,



Bill Frist, M.D.
United States Senator