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Greetings,

Congress is trying to get some things done before the July Fourth recess. Next week the full House will consider a large infrastructure bill, the Moving Forward Act, H.R. 2, which strengthens America's communities with investments in roads, bridges, transit, rail, schools, broadband, water systems, and the postal service. Included in the bill is the 5-year surface transportation reauthorization bill, INVEST in America Act, which includes a provision to fund the National Scenic Byways Program.

Detailed information on H.R. 2 can be found in this fact sheet from the Transportation & Infrastructure

Committee: <https://transportation.house.gov/imo/media/doc/Fact%20sheet%20HR%202%20Moving%20Forward%20Act%20FINAL.pdf>

Knowing the impotence of scenic byways to the Southeastern tourism, we've launched a Voter Voice campaign to educate Congress on the critical role of scenic byways in driving tourism and economic growth to rural communities and encourage support for funding the program. The goal is to develop a corps of supporters that will work to ensure that scenic byways funding is included in whatever the final infrastructure/surface transportation reauthorization bill is approved by Congress. The current surface transportation bill, the FAST Act, expires on September 30, which means that Congress must pass some form of a transportation bill this year.

The Voter Voice campaign for Scenic Byways can be found here: <https://www.votervoice.net/STS/campaigns/75207/respond>

I hope you will weigh in with your congressional representatives today and share this with your network.

As always, please let me know if you have questions or idea.

Best,

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