



## Scenic Byway Funding Hanging In The Balance - Please Contact Your Congressional Representative Now

The Byway community is as close as we ever have been to getting Scenic Byway funding reinstated, than any time since it was discontinued in 2012. Last Thursday, the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee adopted an amendment to the Invest in America Act transportation bill by unanimous consent, which authorized funding for Scenic Byways at an estimated more than \$50 million annually for five years. The transportation bill has now been combined with Infrastructure bill, H.R. 2. The combined House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's *INVEST in America Act* now heads to the House floor for a vote next week.

It is urgent that you contact your US Representative in Congress to encourage your Representative to support Scenic Byway funding and H.R. 2. Please make sure they understand that Scenic Byways are an important driver of tourism, job creation, and economic growth for rural communities.

The easiest way to contact your Representative is through the website <https://www.house.gov>. If you are unsure who represents you, there is a box in the upper right-hand corner that allows you to enter your zip code to determine your Representative.

If you do know, click on Representatives for a listing by either state or last name. When you click on a name, you will be connected to their website. On the website, click on the contact button and from there you have three possible options:

1. Use the email form to send an email to the Representative's office. There may be a couple steps required to verify that you are a constituent.

2. Each Congressional Representative has one or more field offices in your local area. You can call them to pass a message on to your Representative.
3. Usually, each Congressional Representative's Washington office has a fax number listed on their website. The faxes are received directly in the office.

Please make sure to contact your Congressional Representative no later than June 29. Doing so by Friday, June 26 would be better. Please share any positive responses you receive with us, so we can continue to add to our list of congressional Scenic Byways supporters.

The more the House of Representatives hears from all of us, the more likely that we will see funding approved. As a member of the Byway community, we are counting on you!

Thanks from the National Scenic Byway Foundation, on behalf of the entire Byway community!



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