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Virginia Route 311 Tourism Facilities  
Congressman Rick Boucher  
2329 Rayburn Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

To Congressman Boucher :

I am writing in support of the Craig County, Virginia Tiger II Grant August 2010 project for the improvement of the Route 11 corridor between the Roanoke and Greenbrier Valleys.

As you may know, I am the owner of the privately-held properties in Paint Bank, the "notable exception" to the state of the highway and facilities along Route 311 that was cited in the grant brochure.

It has been my passion over the last 25 years to restore this lovely small town to its original historic beauty, to make improvements and modernize it without losing its inherent, old-world charm.

To this end, I have spent a great deal of time, effort and resources, and as a result, Paint Bank, Virginia, has garnered a following and reputation for being "The Best Kept Secret in Virginia" for outdoorsmen & women, travelers and tourists. Most of these tourists will use Route 311 to reach their destination, whether they are visiting Paint Bank or further "down the road apiece" to the Greenbrier Valley and its well-known resort. I believe it is essential to our local pride and our pockets to improve our highway to make all the areas welcoming, accessible and as attractive as possible. To have these areas in disrepair does a great disservice to our state and our tourism trade. I therefore would like to reiterate my support of the grant committee in their efforts to improve the great Commonwealth of Virginia.

Regards,



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