

March 15, 2010

Subject: Letter of Opposition to HB 536

Dear Representative -----,

As a resident of Kentucky, I am concerned that the legislature is about to vote on HB 536. For the following reasons, please vote against this bill:

Reason #1 --These non-permitted billboards could spread throughout the state destroying the appearance of our nationally recognized scenic highways (compare them to Florida, Georgia, Tennessee and Indiana) and impacting negatively on our tourist industry.

Reason #2 --These non-permitted billboards would be hard to check or enforce for any regulation since Kentucky would have no record of them. No record of where they are located, what spacing, setback, height and width of the sign, etc. Having no record would certainly burden staff enforcement efforts, staff who, alternatively, see funding and staffing cutbacks.

Reason #3 -- What is the impact on Federal funding? Has the potential lose of highway dollars under the Highway Beautification Act (HBA) and the potential ramifications of not complying with the Federal Aid Highway Act (Bonus Act) been adequately addressed?

With so many concerns and questions, has anyone determined the benefits for Kentucky? Please oppose this bill.

Sincerely,

Mary Jones  
Address ?