

March 15, 2010

Subject: Letter of Opposition to HB 536

Dear Representative of the Commonwealth of Kentucky,

As a Kentucky resident, constituent and representative for Scenic Kentucky, Inc., I respectfully request that you cast a vote against HB 536. This bill amends KRS 177.830 to KRS 177.890 to allow certain advertising devices on any property without a permit.

Vote against this bill because such permissiveness could damage our scenic highways -- the preservation of which supports our tourism industry and for which Kentucky has received national attention.

Vote against this bill because of concern for proper placement of such signs and for public health and safety – without a permit how are fellow Kentuckians assured that structural, wind and electrical codes are met

Vote against this bill because of concern for the state's ability to enforce any standards at this time of less funding and staffing of numerous agencies.

Vote against this bill because of concern for probable lose of Federal highway dollars under the Highway Beautification Act (HBA) and the potential reimbursement of dollars under the Federal Aid Highway Act (Bonus Act).

In other words, this proposal presents many problems and no benefits for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. **Please vote against HB 536.**

Sincerely,

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