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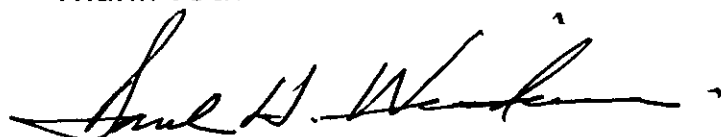
I am writing this letter in support of designing the "Great River Road" an "All-American Road."

The Mississippi River Parkway Commission was created in 1938 to preserve, promote and enhance the communities along the Mississippi River. As the official access to the Mississippi River through ten states, The Great River Road has importance for all communities along the river from small to large. The economic benefits from tourism alone are enormous. The many visitor centers along the Great River Road provide insight and storytelling about the importance of the Mississippi River to the heart land.

In Iowa, the Great River Road spans 326 miles and passes through ten counties and numerous towns and urban centers. Each year thousands of tourists take this exciting road to explore the wonder and awe of the Mississippi River.

In closing, the history, length and great asset the Great River Road provides warrants the designation "All-American Road."

Thank You!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel H. Wiedemeier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Daniel H. Wiedemeier

Past Chair, Iowa Department of Transportation Commission