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Grant Review Team:

This letter is written in support of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission's (MRPC) recent National Scenic Byway Program grant application.

I, in my role as Tennessee's State Scenic Byway Coordinator, endorse MRPC's application for an improved website and e-resources for the Great River Road. The new resources developed from the award of this grant would help the public better learn more about Tennessee's portion the Great River Road, and how the public can connect to the Mississippi River as it meanders through the westernmost parts of our State.

The application would provide much needed benefits to a multi-state All-American Road in both rural and economically disadvantaged counties of Tennessee. The Great River Road is one of the three All-American Roads in Tennessee, and the only one which is not supported by the National Park Service. It is vitally important to the interests of the Tennessee State Scenic Byway program that all of our three All-American Roads have high-quality, updated resources to share with the travelling public.

I wholly endorse this grant application and support MRPC in its request for funding.

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