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Dear Colleague:

The proposed Highway Beautification Act of 1965 (S. 2084) has been reported by the Committee on Public Works and is expected to come before the House in a few days. This legislation is a major stride toward highway beautification and deserves the support of all Members.

Millions of Americans use our highways daily. They pay for these highways as they are used. We believe they are entitled to see the beauty of our country as they travel. S. 2084, as reported, makes this possible while protecting business where business is done. In adopting this bill, we have the opportunity to show our interest in preserving America's beauty while protecting the needs of legitimate businesses that flourish along our highways.

The bill has made provision for the cost of this program from general funds. It will not be a burden on highway construction nor on the activities within the purview of the program. It provides just compensation and equitable treatment for those who may be affected.

We are convinced S. 2084 should be adopted without substantial modification or amendment. In this legislation, the House has a chance to go on record for beauty, as well as for equity. Your vote will serve once again to express the spirit of the Democratic Party as being one of progress in all areas of the life of this great Nation.

Sincerely,

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