

[REDACTED]
Sapulpa, Oklahoma
June 10, 1965

Congressman Tom Steed,
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I want to protest the passage of H. R. 8489 which will prohibit placing signs along the nation's highways.

In my opinion, it would be all right to have a few regulations concerning how close together signs are placed and how far back from the highway, but to legislate them completely out is wrong. This is legislating against free enterprise and advertising, which is part of the American way of life.

When I am traveling, the bill boards help me know where to plan to spend the night and where to eat. I also enjoy reading them--and many people feel the same.

I am not in the bill board business and do not own land where bill boards are placed--I just think this is wrong for you to pass legislation such as this!

Sincerely,

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June 15, 1965

[REDACTED]
Sapulpa, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

Your letter of June 10 has just come, and I am glad to have your comments on the provision of H. R. 8489 restricting billboards on the interstate and primary federal highways to commercial zones.

I have been talking with my friends on the House Public Works Committee, and they indicate that hearings on the entire bill will be held soon, probably beginning about the end of this month.

As a former member of the Public Roads Subcommittee, I am familiar with some of the practical problems here, and I would like to see a common sense solution that would take into account the businesses involved. You may be certain I will do what I can toward that objective.

Sincerely yours,

TOM STEED, M. C.

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