

Representative Charlie Joyner
Chairman, Transportation Committee, House of Representatives
2300 N. Lincoln Blvd
Room 436
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Subject: House Resolution 2812 (HR 2812) Amendment to Historic Route 66 Bike Trail and Chisholm Trail Bike Route legislation, directing ODOT to seek US Bike Route Designation

Date:

Dear Chairman Joyner (or your representative – change address)

I am requesting your support for HR 2812, directing the Department of Transportation to apply for US Bike Route designation for Route 66. This designation comes at no cost to our taxpayers. Each year we see an increasing number of touring cyclists who travel Route 66 because of its iconic landmarks, scenic landscapes, and varied terrain. They arrive in our community seeking lodging and food, purchasing supplies, and visiting tourist sites.

They contribute to our economy through the dollars they spend. Bicycle tourists on Route 66 will spend 6 – 8 days in Oklahoma. A recent economic impact study in Montana found that the multi-day rider spent an average of \$75.00 per day. Multiply that by the length of their trip, and then again by the additional riders in their tour group; the dollars add up for Oklahoma communities.

Oklahoma has more existing miles of Route 66 than any other state. It is fitting that we encourage all visitors who want to experience this historic highway regardless of their mode of travel.

I am asking for your support for US Bike Route 66 designation and vote for HR 2812.

Sincerely,