



New Mexico Route 66 Association

Dedicated to education, promotion, and preservation of New Mexico's Historic Route 66 Scenic Byway and economic revitalization along its 604 mile stretch throughout the state since 1989.- Est. 1989. A 501-(c)3 Non-Profit.

- **2004 New Mexico Heritage Preservation Award Winner**
- **National Scenic Byways Best Practices Recognition**
- **2003 Preservation Project of the Year: Route 66 Magazine**

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Subject: Introducing New Mexico Route 66 Centennial Commission

Honorable Senator Pete Campos
New Mexico State Legislature

Dear Senator Campos,

Per our phone discussion this morning, I am excited to get the ball rolling, assist you with whatever is needed to ensure New Mexico gets its fair share of all federal funds available, and appreciate your partnership and guidance.

I respectfully submit a first draft synopsis for the formation of the New Mexico Route 66 Centennial Commission. Once our commission is established, we desire to obtain funds available to complete several key projects on Route 66 throughout our state. We want to make sure New Mexico Route 66 is shining for its 100th Anniversary.

Also included is a copy of the H.R.66 - Route 66 Centennial Commission Act 115th Congress (2017-2018) for quick reference. I am a board member of the Route 66 Road Ahead Partnership who accomplished the passing of this bill that established the Route 66 Centennial Commission, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to prepare a plan on the preservation needs of Route 66, and for other purposes leading up to its centennial in 2026.

I have received confirmation of several key individuals in positions of power on Route 66 that are more than willing to write letters of recommendation if they are needed. This consists of leaders of the Route 66 Road Ahead Partnership and State Association Presidents.

Respectfully,



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