

Commemorative Stamp Petition

The National Road

To The Stamp Advisory Committee:

2006 marks the 200th anniversary of the authorization of the National Road, our nation's first, federally funded interstate highway. This route was envisioned by such national figures as George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, who saw the need to build an all-weather road across the Allegheny Mountains that would encourage commerce and provide a growing population with improved access to the heart of the new nation.

Today we see the road as US 40 and in some places, Interstate 70 has covered the route, but much of this great cultural landscape remains. Across 6 states, from Maryland to Illinois, travelers today see the town squares, toll houses, taverns, stone bridges, 1950's diners, beautiful Victorian architecture, and numerous museums that provide authentic experiences to travelers.

The value of this route to the American public is of such magnitude, that the National Road was designated an **All American Road** on June 13, 2002 by the Federal Highway Administration.

This commemorative stamp would celebrate the historic, cultural and archaeological significance, scenic beauty and bountiful recreation, which is the journey through the lives and fortunes of the people that forged America.

Children learn of great roads in history - the Silk Road, the Apian Way - for our society the Historic National Road is also such an icon.

Please join the National Road Alliance, Inc. in support of a commemorative stamp.

Name:

City:

State:

Date:

The mission of the National Road Alliance, Inc. is to advocate and communicate for the promotion, preservation, and enhancement of the entire Historic National Road.

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