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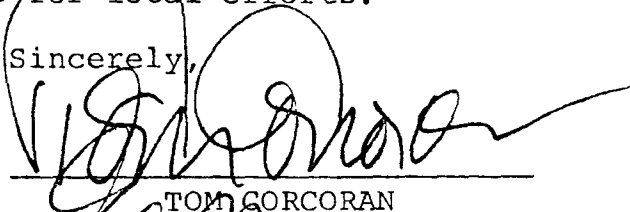
Dear Colleague:

Because you serve on the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, we especially commend the enclosed letter to your attention. The proposal it discusses is a unique approach to providing limited federal assistance toward preserving and enhancing natural and historic assets for this and future generations.

Briefly, a federal commission with limited life and a \$250,000 annual authorization would help coordinate efforts to improve the resources in a 100-mile "national heritage corridor" so that visitors can more fully appreciate them. No land may be acquired by the federal government under the legislation, nor would federal environmental standards applying to the area be altered by it. A copy of the legislation is enclosed.

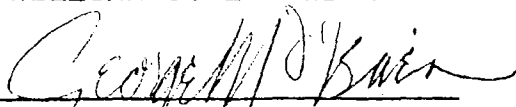
Support for this innovative plan is universal, as evidenced by the introduction of the bill by all members of the Illinois congressional delegation as well as by strong words of support from the Governor and, by resolution, the Illinois legislature. We trust that your Committee will favorably consider and advance this legislation, and we hope that you will have an opportunity in coming years to view the results of this modest but important source of leadership for local efforts.

Sincerely,

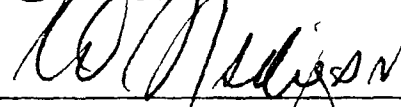


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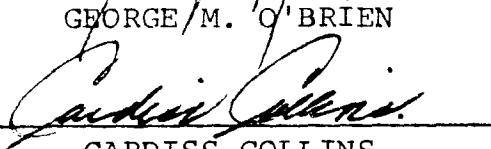
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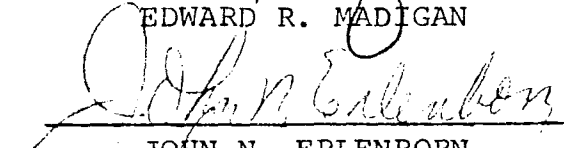
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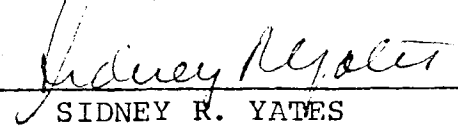


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