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Dear Ms. Blackshear,

On behalf of the Town of Lincoln, we are pleased to support the nomination of the Battle Road Scenic Byway to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration National Scenic Byways Program for the "All-America Road" designation.

Lincoln was settled by Europeans in 1654, as a part of Concord. The majority of Lincoln was formed by splitting off a substantial piece of southeast Concord and incorporated as a separate town in 1754. The Town of Lincoln is proud of its role in the Revolutionary War. Paul Revere was captured by British soldiers in Lincoln on the night of April 18, 1775. Minutemen from Lincoln were the first to arrive to reinforce the colonists protecting American stores of ammunition and arms in Concord. Colonel Abijah Pierce of Lincoln led his troops, armed with a cane. He upgraded his weapon to a British musket after the battle. Five British soldiers who fell in Lincoln are buried in the town cemetery. Significant Revolutionary War sites in Lincoln along the Battle Road include the Paul Revere Capture site, the Bloody Angle, the Hartwell Tavern, Brooks Hill and the Captain William Smith House. These sites are brought to life for millions of visitors each year by educational, experiential, and reenactment programs at Minuteman Historical National Park.

Today, Lincoln welcomes visitors to not only these significant Revolutionary War sites but also to its many cultural and recreational resources including miles of Conservation Trails, the deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, the Codman Estate, Codman Farm, the Gropius House, and Drumlin Farm operated by Massachusetts Audubon.

The Battle Road Scenic Byway was designated by the Massachusetts Legislature and approved by the Governor on November 8, 2006. Since the completion of the Battle Road Corridor Management plan in May 2011, the Battle Road Scenic Byway Committee has overseen the implementation of many of the Corridor Management Plan's goals to highlight the historic, cultural, recreational, scenic, and natural resources along this route. The Committee believes that this application demonstrates that the Battle Road Byway's intrinsic qualities exemplify the qualifications for the All-America Road designation.

The All-America Road designation from the FHWA's National Scenic Byways program will enshrine the storied Byway that sparked revolutionary thought and action essential to the American narrative and will continue to promote its status as a national tourist attraction. We thank you for accepting our nomination.

For the Board,


Jennifer Glass, Chair