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Governor Atiyeh

Dear Governor Atiyeh:

The Oregon Department of Transportation, upon the recommendation of the Historic Columbia River Highway Advisory Committee, will be nominating the Historic Columbia River Highway as a National Historic Landmark. We request a letter from you supporting this action. Enclosed is a draft letter for your consideration.

ODOT and the HCRH AC have devoted much of the last year to documenting the integrity and significance of the HCRH. The NHL nomination is over 100 pages long, not including illustrations, photos and maps. I believe that this document supports the conclusion that the HCRH possesses the high significance and integrity needed for NHL status.

Your original submittal of the Highway requested its designation as a National Historic Landmark. The National Park Service added the HCRH as a district listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

We would appreciate receiving a copy of all letters. If you need additional information, feel free to call me at (503) 731-8239.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Hadlow, Ph.D.
Assistant Scenic Area Coordinator

Robie Lange, Program Director
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Dear Mr. Lange,

I am writing concerning the nomination of the Historic Columbia River Highway as a National Historic Landmark.

In 1983 I nominated the Historic Columbia River Highway as a National Historic Landmark. The work underway has improved the integrity of the HCRH. I continue to strongly support designation of the HCRH as a Landmark.

Sincerely,

Victor Atiyeh
Former Governor of Oregon

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July 2, 1998

Dear Mr. Lange,

This letter is in enthusiastic support of the nomination of the Historic Columbia River Highway as a National Historic Landmark.

As Governor of Oregon in 1983 I nominated the Historic Columbia River Highway for designation as a National Historic Landmark. Since then much work has gone into restoring the original amenities of that highway while nothing had to be done to improve upon the natural and breathtaking grandeur of the vistas seen along and from it.

The Columbia River Gorge has always had a special place in my heart. During my tenure as Governor I was able to see national legislation that protected that special section of geological beauty. It seems now only fitting and proper that the highway be designated a National Historic Landmark. I continue to strongly support that recognition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victor Atiyeh", written over a horizontal line.

Victor Atiyeh
Oregon Governor
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