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RE: Hoosier Hills State Scenic Byway

Dear Mr. Garner,

This letter is written in support of your efforts to create a new state scenic byway, as more fully described in Hoosier Hills State Application dated November 1, 2017. The Story Inn is located along the proposed new byway, and is one of its main cultural and historic attractions. Independently, we have begun the process of having the entire town of Story, Indiana, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and have procured the support of the DHPA. We hope to be listed by next summer.

The new scenic byway will cross the boundary marked by the last glacial episode, where farms give way to hills and forests. As one travels south, one finds towns and sleepy hamlets—Morgantown, Bean Blossom, Nashville, Gnaw Bone, Stone Head and Story—laid out like a strand of pearls. This is “Kentuckiana”.

Even the climate changes. In 2013, a 4,800 square mile area comprising the formidable chunk of Kentuckiana became recognized as an “American Viticultural Area” or AVA. It is known as the “Indiana Uplands AVA,” for the simple reason that the glacier left the landscape between Brown County and the Ohio River unscarred, and of higher elevation, a natural grape growing region.

In addition to serving as an attraction on the new scenic by-way, the Story Inn can offer a more mundane amenity: free public restrooms. We already have men’s and women’s public restrooms in a detached building at the boundary we share with the Brown County State Park, which motorists are welcome to use. We can also offer space for maps and literature.

I encourage INDOT to give this unique, beautiful and historic route the recognition it deserves.

Sincerely,



Rick Hofstetter, Co-Owner, Story Inn

cc: Ruth Reichmann, James Glass