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Dear Mr. Benson and Mr. Moore:

The City of Barstow would like to offer our support for the designation of proposed U.S. Bicycle Route 66 (USBR 66) through our community. We recognize that bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, contributing \$47 billion a year to the economies of communities that provide facilities for such tourists. As a community, we stand to benefit from this opportunity both economically and from the health and environmental related benefits of encouraging bicycle travel in our region.

The U.S. Bicycle Route System is a bicycle-based transportation system sponsored by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). Our City lies within a much larger corridor that crosses California from Needles on the Colorado River to Santa Monica on the Pacific Ocean, and connects cities that lie on historic Highway 66. The proposed USBR route follows Main Street and a portion of Montara Road as it crosses Barstow.

The proposed route for USBR 66 will provide a benefit to our residents and businesses, and we endorse having the route mapped and signed, thereby promoting bicycle tourism for our area. Therefore, the City of Barstow hereby expresses its support for USBR 66, and requests that the appropriate officials nominate the route for AASHTO designation as soon as this can be achieved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles C. Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Charles C. Mitchell
City Manager