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**Re: Support of Resolution #2007-25, Highway 12**

Dear Knox County Clerk, Board of Supervisors, HDR, Army Corps of Engineers, NDOR:

The R-CALF USA Board of Directors, upon recommendation by its Private Property Rights Committee, has voted to support your resolution #2007-25, which calls for the section of Scenic Byway Highway 12 to be raised, adjacent to the existing road, and that Highway 12 should not be relocated to either the base of the bluffs, or on top of the bluffs, due to the unstable soils. Additionally, relocating Highway 12 to the base of the bluffs or on top of the bluffs would infringe on farmers' and ranchers' private property rights, which are guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution.

R-CALF USA (Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund, United Stockgrowers of America) is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring the continued profitability and viability of the U.S. cattle industry. R-CALF USA represents thousands of U.S. cattle producers on trade and marketing issues. Members are located across 47 states and are primarily cow/calf operators, cattle backgrounders, and/or feedlot owners. R-CALF USA has dozens of affiliate organizations and various main-street businesses are associate members.

R-CALF USA's Private Property Rights Committee works to protect the private property rights of U.S. cattle producers, and the proposed relocation of Highway 12 raises serious concerns about the impact on our members' rights to their private property and their ability to conduct business. Therefore, we strongly support your efforts to prevent the relocation of Highway 12.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. M. Thornsberry D.V.M." with a stylized flourish at the end.

R.M. Thornsberry, D.V.M.  
President, R-CALF USA Board of Directors