

PETITION

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Woodrow Wright
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J. L. Vailes
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STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SUITE 700 • JAMES K. POLK BUILDING
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37219

ROBERT E. FARRIS
COMMISSIONER

June 25, 1982

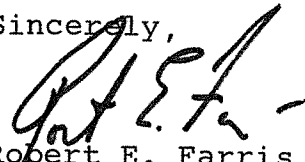
Mr. Ted Masiongale
P. O. Box 448
Byrdstown, Tennessee 38549

Dear Mr. Masiongale:

Your recent letter indicated that Fentress and Pickett Counties have, in effect, abandoned a local road in your area. You also stated that contact with the Tennessee Rural Road Department indicated that this was an area over which the State had no authority. I must confirm that this is the case, with it being a matter of total local jurisdiction. Section 54-905 and 906 of the Tennessee Code Annotated generally gives authority to the county courts to open, close, and/or change local county roads.

Although I understand the dilemma in which you and your neighbors find yourselves, you simply must plead your case with your local county officials in this matter.

Sincerely,


Robert E. Farris
Commissioner

REF:lb

cc: Mr. Carl Wood

ALBERT GORE, JR.
FOURTH DISTRICT
TENNESSEE

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

July 22, 1982

Mr. Ted Masiongale
P. O. Box 448
Byrdstown, Tennessee 38549

Dear Mr. Masiongale:

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to try to lend a helping hand. I'm very interested in the matter you brought to my attention. Please be assured that I share your concern, and that my staff and I will do everything we can to help get it resolved.

We are currently contacting the appropriate officials and authorities on your behalf. As soon as I receive a response from them, I will report the results to you.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or if you have any additional information which you feel might improve our chances of resolving this matter successfully, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Thank you again. I will be back in touch with you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Albert Gore, Jr.".

Albert Gore, Jr.
Member of Congress

AG/obf

JIM SASSER
TENNESSEE

COMMITTEES:
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

July 9, 1982

Mr. Ted Masiongale
Post Office Box 448
Byrdstown, Tennessee 38549

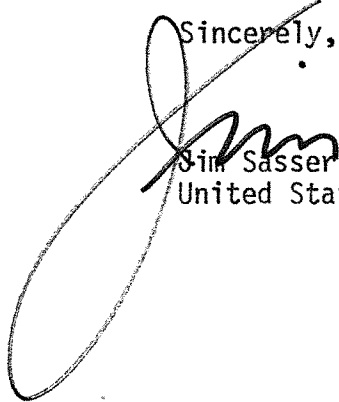
Dear Ted:

I have received your correspondence regarding the condition of the public road that runs from Doubletop Mountain to Guntertown.

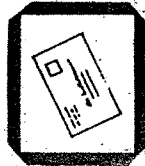
In an effort to be of assistance, I have requested that the appropriate officials of Picket County look into the matter and be of every possible assistance. I will be glad to share with you any information they may wish to provide me.

I hope you will feel free to call on me in the future if I may be of service on other matters of mutual concern.

Sincerely,



Jim Sasser
United States Senator



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

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mail carrier also used this route. The road was closed several years ago. Now that the 'road closed' signs are gone, we've been left with an impassable road. The effort to reopen and improve the road was made by, and through the funds of a private citizen (over \$4,000.00), however due to neglect by the county highway departments, the road is yet again impassable. Name withheld upon request.

Ted Masiengale
P.O.Box 448
Byrdstown, TN 38540
June 19, 1982

Robert E. Farris
Department of Transportation
Suite 700
James K. Polk Bldg.
Nashville, TN 37219

Dear Commissioner,

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Sincerely yours,

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P.O. Box 448
Byrdstown, TN 38549
June 19, 1982

Senator Jim Sasser
405 Russell Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Byrdstown, TN 38549
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Senator Howard Baker
4123 Dirksen Senate Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

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TROUBLESHOOTER HELP REQUEST

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

NAME Ted Masiongale Box 448, Byrdstown, TN 38549

DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER 864-6348, or 864-3088, or 879-8164

COMPLAINT AGAINST: (GIVE NAME OF BUSINESS OR AGENCY. INCLUDE NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS DEALT WITH) Pickett County Hwy. dept-Supt. Stanly And Fentress County Hwy. dept.-Supt. Dooley Hood

COMPLAINT: A public road which lies within both counties is impassable. Both highway departments have refused to begin repair on the road.

A petition of some 502 names was submitted to both county courts. All elected officials were contacted and response has been given by only two: Senator Jim Sasser and Rep Al Gore. Our request is simply to make this road passable once again.

(ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGE IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

REMEDY SOUGHT: (WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE DONE) We would like to see this road made passable again. The Fentress county commission voted unaminously to direct an informal letter to their highway dept.

Because the state supplies the funds for the mentioned highway depts.

and they have told us they have no authority over the county, we are standstill. (ATTACH COPIES OF ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, RECEIPTS, INVOICES, ETC.)

WNGE TV RESERVES THE RIGHT TO BROADCAST ANY INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS COMPLAINT. BECAUSE OF LIMITED RESOURCES AND TIME, THE TROUBLESHOOTER CAN NOT INVESTIGATE EVERY COMPLAINT. FOR THAT REASON WE SUGGEST YOU ALSO CONTACT THE NASHVILLE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU AT 254-5872 AND THE STATE OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AT 741-1461. THESE TWO OFFICES WILL INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS. IN ADDITION IF YOUR PROBLEM CONCERNS THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY, YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AT 741-2218.

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY ME IS TRUE AND ACCURATE.

SIGN HERE: Ted Masiongale

DATE: July 24, 1982

RETURN TO: TROUBLESHOOTER
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441 MURFREESBORO RD.
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37210

Ted Masiiongale
P.O.Box 448
Byrdstown, TN 38549
June 19, 1982

State Senator Tommy Burks
Route 3
Monterey, TN 38574

Dear Senator,

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Byrdstown, TN 38549
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Rep. Lincoln Davis
Box 388
Byrdstown, TN 38549

Dear Mr. Davis,

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Byrdstown, TN 38549
June 18, 1982

Pickett County Press
Byrdstown, TN 38549

Dear sirs,

If possible, would you please publish this in your next edition.

Because of negligence on the part of the Fentress county Highway Department and the Pickett County Highway Department, a public road which runs from doubletop mountain to the community of Cuntertown in Pickett County is now impassable. Before, and a short time after, coal mining began near the area, the road was traveled frequently and provided residents in the area a shorter route to travel to Jamestown. The mail carrier also used this route. The road was closed several years ago. Now that the "road closed" signs are gone, we've been left with an impassable road. The effort to reopen and improve the road was made by, and through the funds of a private citizen(over \$4,000.00), however due to neglect by the county highway departments, the road is yet again impassable.

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Ted Masiongale
P.O.Box 448
Byrdstown, TN 38549
June 18, 1982

Fentress County Leader-Times
Caudin Avenue
Jamestown, TN 38546

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