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September 6, 2020

**To: Alexis Thompson, Secretary, Providence Zoning Board of Review
From; Bob Votava, Executive Director**

Lamar advertising has again submitted a proposal to install a two faced billboard off Rt.95 in the vicinity of Printery street in Providence. This proposal would also incorporate an illuminated component with revolving messages. The sign's height will be 120 feet, with each side covering 360 sq. feet.

When Lamar previously obtained a zoning variance to put a billboard at this location, our organization spent \$23,000 in legal fees to over turn the variance. This item is number 3 to be reviewed by the Providence Zoning Board at their Wednesday night meeting, September 9th.

Rhode Island has worked to protect the scenic qualities of the state, including the establishment of the Scenic Roadways Board. Billboards have been kept to a minimum. Congressman Cicilline diligently worked to have the Scenic Byways Commission re-established in Congress. Please help protect Rhode Island's scenic vistas.

Thank you.

**CC: Gina Raimondo, Governor
David Cicilline, Congressman
Barry Schiller
Teresa Tanzi, State Representative
Mike Deluca, Chairman, RI Scenic Roadways Board**