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310 New Bern Avenue, Suite 410
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

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Mr. W. G. Marley, Jr., P.E.
State Highway Administrator
Division of Highways
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Marley:

Subject: Federal Policy on Sales in Tourist Information Centers

Enclosed for your information and guidance is a copy of FHWA Administrator T. D. Larson's January 8, 1993 letter to Senator Paul S. Sarbanes from Maryland on the above subject. Mr. Larson explains FHWA's policy on selling goods in welcome centers/rest areas/tourist information centers. Please note that FHWA's policy has not changed and current law prohibits commercial services on the right of way of the Interstate System, except for vending machines. This law cannot be waived administratively or through the regulatory process. Please be guided accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

For Nicholas L. Graf, P.E.
Division Administrator

Enclosure

cc:

Mr. Wayne Bailey, P.E., NCDOT, w/encl.
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