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My name is Brogan Andrews. I am a road design engineer and have worked at Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for nearly 5 years. These years have been the beginning of my professional career, which I believe to be the most impactful years. Most importantly, these years were spent working under Kris Norton.

Kris has been a mentor of mine and was able to teach me with his vast amount of knowledge that he had picked up during his lifelong career at KDOT. Not only did he spend his entire life bettering Kansas by improving highways, thus improving the safety of all Kansas travelers, but he was also an all-around extraordinary human being. From my first day at KDOT, I was treated as a friend and included in activities outside of work simply because he wanted everyone to feel involved and welcome. He had a way of always speaking his mind truthfully yet being very sincere at the same time. Even through his two-year battle with cancer, he would show up to events outside of work to be with his coworkers and friends.

I urge the committee to honor Kris Norton by naming the Wakarusa interchange after him. He had spent years of hard work on the South Lawrence Trafficway (SLT) in hopes to improve this stretch of K-10, which has many fatalities. The Wakarusa interchange was specifically special to Kris as it is an uncommon design that he played a major role in. Thank you for this opportunity to testify, and I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.