

Testimonial in support of naming a future interchange after Kris Norton as proposed in House Bill No. 2263

Submitted to the Kansas House Transportation Committee
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Chairperson Rep. Francis, Vice Chair Rep. Neelly, Ranking Minority Member Rep. Ballard,
and esteemed members of the Kansas House Transportation Committee:

Naming Kansas' public transportation infrastructure should reflect the values of our region and honor the legacies of those who have actively fostered smart, efficient and safe investment in our state's transportation systems.

As such please accept this testimony in support of naming the interchange that will be constructed at K-10 highway and Wakarusa drive in Douglas County after Kris Norton.

Kris made tremendous contributions to the transportation industry. Though he passed last year, his life's work in developing young engineering professionals, promoting smart and safe transportation solutions, and his contributions both as a public servant and his community involvement all exemplify his worthiness of this commemoration.

His untimely passing was a great loss, and naming this interchange in his honor will serve as a lasting tribute to his efforts and inspire future generations to uphold the values of service, dedication, and excellence that Kris exemplified.

I respectfully urge the committee to approve HB2263. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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