

Senate Committee on Transportation
Kansas State Capitol
300 SW 10th St.
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Written Testimony of Tom Greer
Support of HB2263 - Kris Norton Memorial Interchange
March 10, 2025

Dear Chairman Sen. Mike Petersen and Esteemed Committee Members,

My name is Tom Greer and I am a transportation bridge engineering professional and father of two. I am a Kansan, where I attended high school and college (Kansas State University). I currently reside in Lenexa, KS and work at Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company. I am writing to you in strong support of the passage of HB2263 - Kris Norton Memorial Interchange. The required funds for construction and maintenance of the signage have been raised. This dedication to Kris is an appropriate and worthwhile recognition of a truly special Kansan.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Kris as a peer in the transportation industry over the last eight years. As you are likely aware by now, Kris's early death has been a heartbreaking loss to our industry. Kris is a life long Kansan with an incredible dedication to his personal family as well as his work family at the Kansas Department of Transportation. Kris's spirit and dedication as a public servant is unlike anyone else you will ever come across. He had an infectious passion for the improvement of the highway transportation system in the State of Kansas on behalf of the public. He has been a mentor to hundreds working for him directly at KDOT or as a consultant in the private sector. His unique approach always had that Kansas way about it with putting care for others first and treating everyone with equal respect. Kris always wanted to create an inviting atmosphere for others around him, and helped to build a special culture at KDOT, which lasts until this day. We can only hope that his spirit will live on through the rest of us, as the entire state of Kansas is better for it. The dedication of this interchange will be effective in that endeavor. The Kansas economy depends on our transportation infrastructure.

I personally wanted to testify on behalf of the Kansas City Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers, a local chapter of a national industry organization. This interchange designation is appropriate due to the unique, generational dedication by Kris as a public servant at KDOT. Kris has local ties to this project with his family residence nearby and commitment to the K10 expansion over multiple recent decades.

Your consideration of HB2263 is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

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