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Matt Gamblin  
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RE: Donald B Gamblin Jr Memorial Highway

Chairman Peterson and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation,

I want to thank you all for this amazing opportunity and giving us a chance to make the Donald B Gamblin Jr. Memorial Highway a reality. I am the surviving son of Officer Gamblin. My dad dedicated his life to public safety. He was an Army veteran and a Police Officer. My family drives past the location of his last stop frequently and we always talk about Papa Gamblin and his sacrifice. It would be wonderful to see this stretch of highway named on his behalf.

I also want to take the time to thank Chief Sam Larsen and his team for their efforts into bringing this into a reality. It has been almost 32 years since he was killed in the Line of Duty, and Shawnee Police Department still honors his memory and honors our sacrifice. It goes above and beyond for one of their own. When an Officer loses their life in the Line of Duty, people say, "Gone, but not forgotten." This is showing my family and the men and women serving and protecting today, that the City of Shawnee truly honors that. Shawnee PD will always be a part of our family.

Thank you for the opportunity to come before you today. Have a wonderful day and stay safe.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Gamblin".

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