

February 28, 2025

Kansas Senate Transportation Committee

Re: HB 2263 – Designating A Future Interchange On K-10 Highway as The Kris Norton Memorial Interchange

Dear Committee Members:

My name is David Kocour a Kansas resident and I am a retired Environmental Planner who spent the majority of my 35- year career working on transportation projects. Throughout my career I supported several engineers throughout the planning, design and construction phases on a number of transportation projects, many of which were conducted in conjunction with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). I also had the pleasure of serving on the American Council of Engineering Companies Kansas (ACECKS)/KDOT Liaison Committee.

Towards the end of my career, I had the privilege of working with, and more importantly getting to know, Mr. Kris Norton of KDOT. Most recently I had been working a transportation planning project to make improvements to a stretch of K-96 in Wichita. It was on that project that I worked very closely with Mr. Norton. Kris was a tireless public servant who could have easily made a lot more money working in private industry, but instead chose to serve the citizens of Kansas. Unfortunately, Kris made the ultimate sacrifice and recently lost his battle with cancer but stayed working at KDOT almost to the very end of his life. Always serving others.

I would ask the Committee members to please approve HB 2263 honoring Kris' dedication to KDOT and the citizens of the great state of Kansas. I believe it is the least we all could do as citizens to recognize Kris' life dedicated to serving others.

If you would like to discuss further or would like any additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

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