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RE: HB2263

“Designating a future interchange on K-10 highway as the Kris Norton memorial interchange”

Dear Committee Members and State of Kansas Legislature,

This letter is intended to convey my strong support for HR2263. I have lived in Lawrence for 18 years and have had the immense benefit of knowing Kris Norton as a close friend. Our interactions have been mostly social and within the community and have provided me many opportunities to frequently interact with Kris and his professional colleagues.

Among the most impressive aspects of Kris Norton was the extremely high regard and extensive respect his professional colleagues provided him. This respect was borne from a lifetime - 33 years as a civil engineer committed to the Kansas Department of Transportation and improving society and commerce through effective project management and design. Equally as impressive as the respect level was the comprehensive composition of professional colleagues that clearly held him such high regard – within KDOT and the many commercial entities that interface with KDOT.

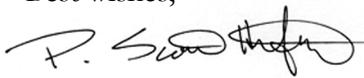
It was also apparent that Kris invested a large portion of his career on K-10 projects, including this interchange. He was proud of the south Lawrence extension and associated K-10 developments – he would have been extremely proud to see this specific project completed – and have his name memorialized with it.

Kris was extremely proud of his family and roots from Dodge City. As I was raised in small communities (Montana and Oklahoma), this was a life experience that we shared – coming from very little and raising families that are successful and contributing well to society. Kris has five kids, and two of his sons are engineers and his daughter is studying to be a genetic counselor. These are just a small reflection of his strong character and successful personal investments to family and community.

Among the many features of Kris Norton that I admired, was his ability to welcome and support all individuals that he met. The immense amount of respect that his colleagues and personal contacts, like me, is a direct reflection of his support and caring for others – along with a strong work-ethic and success with project design/management.

The State of Kansas and the Lawrence Community would be greatly honored to designate this K-10 interchange as the Kris Norton memorial interchange. Please vote in support of HB2263 and memorializing his lifetime of outstanding service to the State of Kansas, including this interchange.

Best wishes,



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