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TESTIMONY
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SB 127
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Testimony on Policy and the George Ablah Expressway

SB 127 will place into statute Kansas Department of Transportation's current policy for the cost and maintenance of highway naming signs. I believe having this policy in statute will provide easily searchable access to this policy and eliminate any confusion those parties interested in designating a highway may have.

George Ablah was a well-known developer in Sedwick County who believed in the importance of transportation infra-structure to economic development. When our city and county was contemplating obtaining the right-of-way for the K96 Expressway, George Ablah donated a portion of the right-of-way with the contingency that construction start within two years. Completion of this expressway resulted in numerous developments on the northeast side of the city of Wichita. I believe it is fitting that the portion of the expressway being designated as the George Ablah Expressway include some of the right-of-way he donated.

I appreciate your consideration of this bill and ask that you move it out favorably for passage.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Petersen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Senator Mike Petersen
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