



American Legion Post 306

309 N Railroad St.

Hanover, KS 66945

Dear Chairman Peterson and Honorable Senators:

LaVern William Tegtmeier, a staff sergeant in the United States Army, lost his young life while serving his country during the Viet Nam war. He was called to duty and proudly served his country and fellowman, and in doing so, made the ultimate sacrifice. He was only 22 years of age and the first soldier from Washington County, Kansas, to perish in the Viet Nam conflict.

It is our right and obligation, as citizens of this great country, to respect and honor these heroic men and women who have given so much for our freedom and safety and to those who continue that quest today. We, the members of the American Legion Post #306 of Hanover, Kansas, proudly support and encourage any and all measures which would respectfully give tribute to these brave soldiers, especially our fellow veteran, classmate, brother, and friend, LaVern Tegtmeier.

We ask you to please join us in supporting this bill to name a local highway in honor of this remarkable young man and local hero, Staff Sergeant Tegtmeier. May his sacrifice not have been in vain but may his life be perpetuated in our hearts, in our thoughts, and in our actions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dustin Minge
Post Commander