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The Honorable Richard Proehl
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Capitol, Room 581-W
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Mr. Chairman and members:

On behalf of the Burke family, I want to thank you for hearing Senate Bill 26, regarding the naming of a section of Highway 7 as "Senator Bud Burke Memorial Highway." Bud was an exceptional father and public servant, and we miss him very much. However, I know he would be so pleased to be remembered by you, his colleagues in the Kansas Legislature, in this fashion.

Before Bud was first elected to the Kansas House and Senate, Bud began his service to the state as an appointed member and Chair of the Kansas Turnpike Authority. During his tenure as lawmaker, he participated in the expansion of the Kansas highway system through two statewide highway programs and numerous annual highway appropriations. He believed that highways were a key to our state's success so it is especially meaningful to me that he be remembered by a highway sign on a roadway in his old Senate district over which he traveled countless times.

Thank you again for considering this legislation and I hope you will look favorably on SB 26.

Sincerely,

Debbie Burke