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The Honorable Mike Petersen, Chairman  
Senate Transportation Commission  
State Capital Room 345-S  
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Chairman Petersen,

Re: SB 26 regarding Bud Burke Memorial Highway

Dear Chairman Petersen and Members of the Senate Transportation Committee,

I am submitting this testimony in support of Senate Bill No. 26 on behalf of myself and my three sisters. We are the daughters of the late Senator Bud Burke.

Our Dad was one of the proudest Kansans I have ever known. He served in the Kansas House of Representatives for over 20 years and thereafter in the Senate. He served as Majority Leader, Chairman of the Tax Committee and then as President of the Kansas Senate from 1989 to 1996. He also served as President of the National Conference of State Legislators.

He served our country as an Air Force pilot and then later when he returned from the Air Force to run his family's business, he served as a Naval Aviator in the US Navy Reserves retiring as a Captain. He was a lifelong Kansan and a proud Jayhawk.

He served his alma mater, the University of Kansas, in a variety of ways and most recently as a member of the National Board of Directors for the KU Alumni Association. He sent all of his girls to KU for college although he said K-State would have been fine too. We grew up in Leawood and having all of his daughters attend KU meant that there were many trips back and forth on K 10 between Leawood and Lawrence. The tables turned then when Dad retired to Lawrence and two of his daughters moved back to Leawood and the K 10 treks continued. That is why it is particularly noteworthy and appropriate that a portion of this beautiful highway be named after him.

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Our Dad, Bud Burke, was a statesman, a gentleman, an avid Jayhawk and a fearless fighter pilot. I have rarely met anyone like him. I hope you will pass Senate Bill No. 26 in honor of this distinguished and proud Kansan.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Anne E. Burke*

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