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Seward County Commissioner, Chair

Senate Committee Transportation,

I would first like to thank this committee for allowing me to speak today, and would also like to thank you for moving forward with our two T-Works Projects, and our future cost share program project on Hwy 83 and Salley Road. These three projects will improve the safety and economic future of Seward County.

Today I am here to speak about two of our communities most supportive citizens who spent their lives to improve Seward County by getting a 4 lane Highway from Wichita Ks. to Liberal Ks. on 54 hwy.

Jack Taylor and Max Zimmerman were our guiding forces for over 30 years and were willing to travel throughout the State and to Washington to keep Liberal and our projects on everyone minds.

When I became a County Commissioner 10 years ago one of my first projects was to meet the engineers to discuss the need for 54 Hwy to be expanded to a 4 lane Hwy. During these many meetings Jack Taylor and myself agreed one of the most important factors was getting a second bridge at the Cimarron River crossing. Over the past years there have been multiple accidents on our one bridge. We worked hard as a team to get this bridge for safety reasons alone.

Jack Taylor died in January of 2018, and Max Zimmerman died in May 2016. When I learned we were getting the second phase of our T-Works project including the bridge, I thought what a great idea to name the new bridge the Jack Taylor Memorial Bridge in his honor. I later thought it might be a good idea to also name our original bridge the Max Zimmerman Memorial Bridge in his honor. That way people driving to and from Liberal can always remember who worked so hard to keep us safe on our highway.

I have spoken to several people about this project and have gotten a lot of positive responses and requests to be able to donate funds to this project.

In closing I would ask this committee to approve the Jack Taylor Memorial Bridge and the Max Zimmerman Memorial Bridge to honor these men from our community.

Thank You for your time.

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Chairperson

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