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Chairman Mike Petersen  
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Chairman Petersen and Members of the Senate Transportation Committee,

Many thanks for scheduling this hearing on SB410. We know this is a remarkably busy time in the statehouse and we will keep our comments brief.

Ken W. Brock passed away December 31, 2023. He left behind a strong legacy of faith, family, and a steadfast desire to improve the lives of the citizens of Pittsburg, and the entire Southeast Kansas region.

Ken's involvement in our community was vast and promoted efforts in aviation, Pittsburg State University, and numerous other philanthropic and community endeavors. To that end, he received Pittsburg's highest citizen honor, The Spirit of Pittsburg award. That said and as noted in his obituary, Ken was best known for his service as Chairman of the Highway 69 Association. Ken was a tireless advocate to realize the 69-highway mission to complete a 4-lane highway from Kansas City to I 44. When Ken came to Topeka or Washington D.C., everyone knew what the subject entailed, what the ask entailed and what the need entailed. He was a true diplomat in his approach, which was direct, informative, and always courteous. There was never a meeting with any constituency that did not include Ken asking, "now how can we help you"?

Ken Brock will always be remembered as being the leading advocate for transportation infrastructure and specifically Highway 69. Simply put, the development of Highway 69 corridor in southeast Kansas would not have taken place without the leadership of Ken W. Brock. Therefore, I humbly ask you to move SB 410 forward as it is a fitting tribute to a great servant leader. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve W Sloan

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