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The Honorable Mike Petersen, Chairperson Senate Committee on Transportation Statehouse, Room 345-S Topeka, KS. 66612

Mr. Chairman,

It is my honor to support Kansas Senate Bill 20, a bill that recognizes the life, accomplishments and public service of former Senator Dennis Wilson.

Dennis and I became acquainted when he became a member of the legislature. He quickly embraced the duties of a Kansas Senator and supported education and transportation initiatives every year. He was lauded for the administrative leadership he brought to the position of the last elected Johnson County Treasurer. Similarly, his service to the Water One Board was very helpful in times of unprecedented growth.

The most impactful asset that Dennis brought to his public services was his business acumen. He tackled issues using his business success and leadership every day that he served.

Naming a portion of 69 HWY would appropriately honor Dennis and his service. It is located in his former senate district and celebrates his support of transportation in our community.

Best regards

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