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

Dear Senator Petersen:

I am writing in support of SB 20.

As a former member of the Kansas House of Representatives, a former member of the House Transportation Committee and as someone who has sponsored similar legislation regarding the naming of another highway, I know legislation like SB 20 must be considered with significant due diligence. Thank you for your consideration of SB 20. Passage of this bill will honor a truly great Kansan.

Dennis Wilson held many key roles in Kansas civic life. From the House of Representatives to the State Senate, from the State Treasurer's Office to local roles as a precinct committeeman and water board member, Dennis always engaged with a spirit of service and a commitment to the greater good.

We might think of Dennis as a key "utility player" for the state. He was talented and versatile. He was happy to serve in the background or on a big stage. In many ways he was a model public servant.

I encourage you to advance SB 20.

Most sincerely,

Ed O'Malley

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