

**Testimony for Kansas Senate Bill No. 313**  
**March 8, 2022**

We write in support of Kansas Senate Bill No. 313, contemplating that the portion of United States Highway 69 from the northern junction of United States Highway 69 and United States Highway 54 in Bourbon County, then North on United States highway 69 to the Linn County line, be hereby designated as the Senator Tom R. Van Sickle Memorial Highway.

As a native of the Fort Scott and Barnesville area, and State Senator for three terms representing the Fort Scott district, Tom was instrumental in helping champion the development and maintenance of Highway 69 as a part of the Kansas freeway system. He cared deeply about his constituents, and envisioned United States Highway 69 as a vital conduit connecting the community he served with the larger urban centers to the north.

A lifelong advocate and historian of his home district, Tom spoke often of his work in the Senate and Treasury, and considered his achievement in the successful expansion of Highway 69 to be a signature of his tenure. It is a fitting tribute that a portion of this freeway be memorialized in his name.

Donations will be provided to fund the installation of the signage, as required by the Bill.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

The Van Sickle Family and Members of the Ft. Scott Community