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Chair Dibble and Members of the Senate Transportation Committee

On behalf of the members of the Minnesota Transportation Alliance, I am writing to urge your support for SF3766, authored by Senator Dahms, designating the bridge on US Highway 212 in Granite Falls as the Mayor Dave Smiglewski Memorial Bridge.

Dave was a true statesman and champion for Minnesota's transportation system. He understood how interconnected and our highways, bridges and transit systems are all across the state and the importance of transportation infrastructure for our economy. Dave was an advocate for transportation investments that weren't necessarily constructed in his community but had a real impact on his community. His advocacy for safety and mobility improvements to US Highway 212 in Carver County was very persistent and very successful.

As a community leader and spokesperson, Dave understood the importance of showing up and making a difference. He was an attendee at Transportation Day at the Capitol and the Washington, D.C. Fly-In almost every year. His reputation as a person of integrity made him a well-respected and effective member of our transportation community who will be sorely missed.

The designation of the bridge on US Highway 212 in honor of Dave Smiglewski is so appropriate and deserved and will help members of his community remember how much difference one person can make. Please support SF3766.

Sincerely,

Margaret Donahoe
Executive Director