

## HF 3437 / SF 3798

### Testimony

Good afternoon, Chair and Members. Thank you for the opportunity to speak on this bill. My name is Tim Nelson and I am a MnDOT employee, co-worker of Michael Gau and a Gau family friend. I am reading this on behalf of Jenny Gau, wife of Michael Gau, who could not be here today.

Mike was a wonderful, passionate, caring man that put his family first and made sure they knew he would always be there for them. He put his heart and soul into everything he loved from family, friends, working for MNDOT, serving on the Belle Plaine Fire Department, being President of the Pioneer Power Fire Association. With everything he did he made people feel like they mattered and took the time to listen. He would do anything for anyone he knew or just met. He had a great love for the outdoors and sports, but most of all he loved his children and grandchildren. His laughter could be heard for miles and his hugs felt for days. I have been extremely blessed to call him mine and build the life we shared together.