

January 28, 2025

Dear North Dakota State Senators,

My name is Mindy Martin. I fully support SB-2277 for the setting of North Dakota HWY 200, as the North Dakota Peace Officers Memorial Highway.

This bill is near and dear to my heart, as my husband, Mercer County Deputy Sheriff, Paul S. Martin was killed in the line of duty on North Dakota Highway 200 on Buffalo Hill located between the towns of Hazen and Beulah North Dakota on December 6, 2023.

Every day in our great State of North Dakota and across the entire country, men and women put on their uniforms and go to work to protect us. Us being the people that they have chosen to commit their lives to serving and protecting. As they leave their homes, spouses, children, parents, other family members and friends, they do not know if they will be coming home at the end of their shift. It is a choice they each have made, to protect and serve by upholding the laws for the citizens of our great State of North Dakota.

Every day in our country there is some type of an incident, an accident or a death involving a Peace Officer. Can we please dedicate a “part” of our Great State of North Dakota to those we have lost? This “part” being specifically North Dakota State Highway 200. It would make for a great representation to honor all of our fallen North Dakota Peace Officers as the HWY is a thin line and runs East and West across our state.

Thank you for your consideration,

/s/ *Mindy Martin*

Mindy Martin

Due to the nature of my husband’s death, I request personal privacy and I am not including my address on this public letter.