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To whom it may concern;

My name is Amanda Martin, and I am writing in support of Measure 2277, the designation of highway 200 as the North Dakota Fallen Peace Officers Memorial Highway. This measure hits home on a very important and personal matter for me. My father, Deputy Sheriff Paul S. Martin, was killed in the line of duty on December 6th, 2023. He was killed outside of Hazen on highway 200 while deploying spike strips to end a high-speed pursuit.

According to the Officer Down Memorial page, North Dakota has lost 6 officers in the line of duty since 2015 and has a total of 62 officers reported. As a family member of a Fallen Hero, it would be an honor to have a highway in our state that commemorates the sacrifice of the brave men and women who lost their lives protecting their communities. The loss of these officers is something that should be remembered for a long time.

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