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Mayor Don Stielow and
North Kansas City Council
2010 Howell Street
North Kansas City, MO 64116

Dear Mayor Stielow and Members of the City Council:

The Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault (MOCSA) is writing this letter in support of the improvements to Armour Road in North Kansas City. We support these improvements because they provide safe transportation options and improve the built environment. Both of these factors play a role in preventing violence in our community and creating greater accessibility to services.

More specifically, we support the project for the reasons listed below:

- **Maintaining these improvements will help play a role in violence prevention.** MOCSA promotes a concept called Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). This is a tool that helps to reduce crime and violence through making positive changes to the built environment. Biking and walking are positive activity generators and more people will choose these options if they feel safe and supported in doing so. In turn, this can help prevent crime and violence by putting more “eyes on the street.”
- **These efforts improve community connectedness.** Creating a combination of transportation options allows all people - including children, the disabled, and older adults - to get out and stay connected to the community. Research shows that positive community connection is a protective factor against multiple forms of violence.

For these reasons, MOCSA is writing to express our support for the improvements to Armour Road in North Kansas City. By investing in a safer environment and connected community, you are playing a vital role in preventing violence.

Sincerely,



Julie Donelon
President and CEO

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