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District Magistrate Judge Tom B. Webb County Courthouse P.O. Box 146 300 S. Inman Sublette, KS 67877

Dear Judge Webb:

I wanted to express our sincere appreciation for your presentation at our annual Kansas Department of Transportation's Leadership Forum on December 1, 2005 in Topeka, Kansas. Your story and it's lesson is nothing short of remarkable.

As a recommendation to others I wish to say that Judge Webb shared a haunting tale of a child growing up during the Korean War. Alcohol and tragedy pushed him, cold and alone, into the streets. Warmth and shelter were often found in trash dumpsters with other neighborhood children huddled together under the day's garbage. He tells of surviving in horrific conditions, of frightening situations, death and hope. Judge Webb has definitely lived through extremely difficult circumstances and ultimately not only survived, but prospered.

As Judge Webb recounted his story, we were transfixed. His heart rending message moved virtually everyone who attended his presentation in a profound and significant way.

Those in attendance were a diverse audience including Executive Leadership, Civil Engineers, highway construction and maintenance supervisors, workers and administrative staff.

Participants walked away with the powerful message that we all have value in who we are and what we do and have the power to make a positive difference in frequently negative world. Whether it is in the office or out on the Kansas highway system, Judge Webb's message was warmly received throughout our agency.

Judge Webb's sessions literally and uniquely resulted in 100% positive feedback from our normally skeptical employees and we are looking forward to having him return to share his message with more of our agency in this upcoming year.

Sincerely,

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