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Mr. Paul N. Wageman
Chairman
North Texas Tollway Authority Board
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Dear Paul:

As Chairman of the Sam Rayburn Foundation and as former Chairman of the old Texas Turnpike Authority, I am asking you to please pass along to your fellow board members my recommendation to name the new SH 121 Tollway as the Sam Rayburn Tollway.

As you know, SH 121 goes into Bonham, Mr. Rayburn's home town and through much of his old congressional district. Mr. Rayburn was Speaker of the House of Representatives longer than any other man in our country's history. He was instrumental in the passing some of the nation's most important pieces of legislation, including being the father of the securities legislation we have in this country today.

Mr. Rayburn was also well known for his non-partisanship, especially in the areas of national defense and foreign policy. I personally observed him working hand-in-hand with Republican Minority Leader Joe Martin to achieve legislation for the common good. In fact, Mr. Rayburn thought so highly of Congressman Martin that he let him keep the Speaker's official Congressional offices even after the Republican's lost control of the House in 1948.

This would be a great and much deserved tribute to Mr. Rayburn and serve to remind his fellow Texans of this honest and faithful servant to our State and nation.

Yours sincerely,



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cc: Victor T. Vandergriff, Vice-Chairman