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**From:** Peter Baik [REDACTED]  
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**To:** House Transportation  
**Subject:** Written Testimony in Support of HB 357

Good Afternoon, Representative Hopkins and members of the House Transportation Committee. My name is Peter Baik and I am the son of Insook Baik.

I fully support HB 357, an act naming the Bragaw Street overcrossing of the Glenn Highway the "Insook Baik Bridge", sponsored by Representative Tarr.

I urge you to vote in favor of HB 357, not only to honor a local figure who has been an impactful presence to the neighborhood, but as a symbol of hope and inspiration to the community for hard work and caring for your neighbor. In a time where it is common for people to live in a silo and have their only public interaction be through social media, Insook Baik epitomizes an Insurance Company's slogan of, "like a good neighbor, she's there..."

As a single mother, raising three kids, she has sacrificed countless long hours late into the night tending to her business, the Mountain View Shell. Insook's presence and dedication to her business has been a constant refuge for the community during cold Alaskan winters. Even during inclement weather, Insook is determined to be there and open the store. She knows her store may be the only convenient place for the neighbors to get milk for their children, to get gas to go to work, or a warm place while waiting for the bus.

Growing up in war torn South Korea, Insook Baik is familiar with how faces of distraught appear. She intimately knows what it looks and feels like to go to bed hungry at night. She has seen these same faces, decades later, in the Mt. View Community. She has seen her neighbors, with nothing to give, give the shirt off their backs for others. This selfless caring spirit has tugged at her heartstrings and inspired her to serve the community throughout all these years. The approval of HB 357 will continue this caring spirit and inspire the community in future years, to be a good neighbor.

Thank you to the House Transportation Committee for the opportunity for me to share my support of HB 357 and thank you Representative Tarr for sponsoring this bill to recognize Insook's years of service to the community.

Sincerely,

Peter S. Baik

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