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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is (enter name). On Saturday, March 22, 2014, 10:37am, the deadliest landslide in U.S. history, sadly hit the area in Oso Washington. This disaster wiped away a community and 43 lives were lost. We, as a community, family members, volunteers, and total strangers vowed "never to give up" till everyone was home. Each of us were relieved when this difficult task was completed, but we know that this will still be a long road to recovery for everyone affected. The highway was reopened six months after the slide 43 trees were planted to honor those we lost, and the removal of the large memorial tree was accomplished. Each were critical steps in moving forward.

The next major task ahead of us is to fund a memorial in the slide area. As part of this task, families would like to rename the part of State Route 530 that was in the slide area the "**Oso Memorial Highway**". This renaming will help identify the memorial area and convey what the area stands for and means to all that use the highway. This is just one part of the healing process for many. Therefore, I am writing this letter of support to ask that you in turn support the request made by the memorial committee to rename this section of the highway.

I appreciate your time and your support as it is just one more step to further assure that the 43 will never be forgotten. That their legacy will always be remembered and live on, along with the survivors, communities, first responders, Search & Rescue and many, many more.

Thank you,

Name