

Congressman's DWI crash may cost him road

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TRENTON, N.J. -- A former New Jersey congressman's 1993 drunken driving crash may cost him the honor of having his name on a state highway. Robert Roe, a Democrat, served as chairman of the House Transportation and Public Works Committee and brought billions of dollars in federal aid to the state. To recognize that effort, the state Legislature this year voted to give his name to Route 23 in northern New Jersey. But Joe Worosila of Hillsborough, whose wife and daughter were seriously injured when Roe crashed into their min-van, told The Star-Ledger of Newark he does not want Roe's name on the road. "This guy caused a nightmare for us," Worosila said. Julia Worosila and her daughter both recovered eventually. Roe, whose blood alcohol level was .17 at the time of the accident, entered a pre-trial intervention program and lost his license for six months. Gov. Jon Corzine's office said he had not heard about the crash when he signed the bill. In an editorial, the newspaper said naming a highway after Roe would be "some sort of sick joke."

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