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February 28, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We would like to express our strong support for the Maine Department of Transportation's and the Town of Windham's grant application for a 2023 U.S. Department of Transportation Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity ("RAISE") Grant.

The *North Windham Moves: Regional Mobility - Local Access Project*, located along U.S. 302 and State Routes 35 and 115 in North Windham, will implement numerous safety and mobility improvements, including traffic calming measures and new sidewalks and crosswalks. The project will improve safety, lighting, coordination amongst various utilities and provide for more greenspace.

The project will also construct three local connector roads, which will improve accessibility to the region's commercial center and significantly reduce congestion and crashes on busy U.S. Route 302. Furthermore, the project will add multi-use pathways to provide a safe route for those walking and biking to and from the commercial district.

Windham is a service center that provides its residents and nearby communities access to jobs, shops, medical care, and other essential services. It is also a gateway to vital tourism and recreation critical to Maine's economy. By improving safety and reducing congestion along U.S. 302 and State Routes 35 and 115 and increasing accessibility to the commercial center for all roadway users, this project will directly support the local and regional economy and improve the quality of life for residents and nearby communities.

We are hopeful that you will give this application your full consideration. We are pleased to see MaineDOT and the Town of Windham prioritize improvements to this corridor, which will provide numerous benefits to the town and to the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Timothy Nangle".

Timothy E. Nangle
State Senator

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jane P. Pringle".

Jane P. Pringle
State Representative