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Dear Secretary, Buttigieg.

It is with pleasure that I write today to support the application for the Rebuilding America Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program submitted by the Maine Department of Transportation (Maine DOT) in close collaboration with the Town of Windham, Maine to implement the improvements recommended in the North Windham Moves: Regional Mobility, local access project. The project will implement numerous required safety and mobility improvements by:

- Reconstructing U.S. 302 and State Routes 35 and 115 to implement numerous roadway and active transportation safety improvements, including the elimination of left turns, the addition of traffic calming features and new ADA-compliant sidewalks and crosswalks
- Constructing local connector roads an East Connector Road, Middle Connector and West Connector that will provide drivers with easier access to the region's commercial center and significantly reduce congestion and crashes on busy U.S. Route 302 and two high-volume state roads
  - Adding multi-use pathways that provide a safe route to encourage walking and biking to and from the commercial district
  - Improving sight distance, lighting, streetside utility easements, drainage, and greenspace
  - Reduce the high volume of traffic crashes in the area, subsequently enhancing the safety to the public and emergency responders.

The Town of Windham, Maine is one of the larger towns in southern Maine. It is near the Lakes Region of southern Maine, Mountains of southwestern Maine, and New Hampshire as well as a bedroom community to the City of Portland, Maine's largest city. The Route 302 corridor is one of the most heavily traveled in the state. All these factors cause constant heavy traffic volume year around. I strongly believe that the successful completion of the North Windham Moves: Regional Mobility, local access project, will not only enhance the region from numerous aspects, it will significantly improve public safety.

Very truly yours.

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