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May 14, 2024

The Honorable Peter Buttigieg  
Secretary  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write in support of the Maine Department of Transportation's (Maine DOT) application for funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program. This application intends to make infrastructure improvements to enhance safety and improve connectivity in the East Deering neighborhood of Portland, Maine.

If awarded, funds will be used to modernize active transportation and roadway infrastructure to link East Deering and the Old Port section of downtown Portland. Through the expansion, re-design, and improvement of multi-use bike and pedestrian pathways, the initiative aims to foster safer and more accessible means of active transportation in the area. Additionally, Maine DOT proposes to upgrade neighborhood roads and intersections and address traffic flow around an interstate off-ramp, mitigating impacts on historic neighborhoods and nearby disadvantaged communities.

Thank you for your consideration of Maine DOT's funding request. Please notify Deidre Grant in my Bangor office at (207) 945-0417 when a decision has been reached.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator