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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The City of Caribou is pleased to send you this letter in strong support of the Maine Department of Transportation's (MaineDOT) \$8 million application for the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2022-2023 Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program to help fund the Caribou Wildlife and Aquatic Habitat Crossing Grant project. MaineDOT is requesting these funds to address significant standing water issues after weather events and safety issues associated with large animal crossings.

As a rural community, our neighbors need to drive between destinations which puts them on the road at all hours and all road conditions. When large animals are in the roadway, it can easily lead to injurious accidents. As a municipality, it is a top priority to keep our citizens and visitors safe. We strongly support the proactive measures taken by the MaineDOT to help address issues faced by rural Mainers.

Penny Thompson, Caribou City Manager