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

Subject: Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) - Submission to FTA's Low or No Emissions Grant Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Forest River Bus is joining with Model 1 Commercial Vehicles and Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) as a named partner in their application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for funding under the Low or No Emission Grant Program. As part of the project, MaineDOT intends to deploy Ford E-transit Battery Electric Vans up-fitted by Forest River Bus and Van. Forest River Bus and Van (TVM) is the largest shuttle bus and van manufacturer in North America and has demonstrated it will continue to be a leader in the commercial bus and van markets by offering sustainable zero-emission buses and vans as part of their core product portfolio. We believe that will greatly improve the availability of premium-quality, cost-effective, electric commercial vehicles. We look forward to working with Model 1 and MaineDOT in leading the industry through this transformation.

We are also pleased to include that the vehicles being procured are "Standard Model Vehicles without additional customization". We thank you for highlighting this additional option this year to help all Transit Vehicle Manufacturers with lowering van costs and accelerating delivery timelines, when possible, by advancing the procurement of standard model vehicles.

Forest River Bus appreciates the opportunity to partner with Model 1 and support MaineDOT in their efforts to deploy zero emission Battery Electric vans.

Best Regards,



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