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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg;

I am pleased to support the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) requests for funding through the Federal Transit Administration's Fiscal Year 2024 Low or No Emission Grant Program and Bus and Bus Facilities Competitive Program.

MaineDOT, in partnership with Maine transit agencies, is seeking \$10.9 million in funding for low and no emissions vehicles for transit service across Maine, including associated infrastructure and equipment. Additionally, they are seeking \$3.2 million to replace outdated vehicles in the Agency's bus fleet and refurbish the Agency's outdated facilities.

If awarded, this funding will assist with purchasing hybrid and electric vehicles which will replace existing diesel and gasoline vehicles, expanding access to clean and sustainable transportation for thousands of transit riders in Maine. The supporting infrastructure includes chargers necessary for these vehicles to be placed in service.

Introducing these vehicles throughout the State of Maine will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, mitigate the impacts of climate change, and directly support the goals of the State's climate action plan "Maine Won't Wait" and corresponding Clean Transportation Roadmap, which calls for decarbonizing Maine's transportation sector.

I strongly support MaineDOT's grant application for this pivotal project. I hope you will give the project your full consideration and award the requested funding.

Sincerely,

Janet T. Mills
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