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Congress of the United States
2nd District of Maine

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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,

I am pleased to send you the following letter in support of the Maine Department of Transportation's (MaineDOT) application to the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program. Through their application, MaineDOT is requesting funding to assist with a project that will raise a section of roadway in Addison, Maine.

This project will directly improve the resilience of East Side Road in Addison, Maine, through climate adaptation measures. The existing causeway crosses a low-lying tidal creek and is vulnerable to sea-level rise due to its locations directly adjacent to tidal Pleasant Bay and its tributary, Knowles Brook. This section of road frequently floods, often prohibiting passage, therefore disconnecting communities in South Addison from critical emergency services. This project will reduce the impact of flooding events and mitigate potential for interruptions in service by elevating the roadway and associated bridge above astronomical high tide levels. Additionally, an increase in the size of the crossing over Knowles Brook will enhance water flow capacity, allowing for more naturalized flows.

Thank you for your time on behalf of MaineDOT. We urge your full and fair consideration of their application, in accordance with all rules and regulations. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Barbara Hayslett at 207-492-6009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared F. Golden".

Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress