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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 writing to express my strong support for the Maine Department of Transportation's (MaineDOT) funding request through the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program. The purpose of this letter is to highlight the critical importance of the proposed project and its positive impact on the transportation infrastructure and environmental resilience of the State of Maine.

MaineDOT's application seeks funding to address the elevation of U.S. Route 1-A in Frankfort, Maine, a location that is particularly vulnerable to sea-level rise due to its proximity to the South Branch Marsh River. Currently, a portion of this roadway sits 2.5 feet below the Highest Astronomical Tide (HAT), posing a significant risk to both the infrastructure and the safety of the community. This stretch of U.S. Route 1-A also serves as a vital Hurricane Evacuation Route, making its vulnerability to flooding a pressing concern.

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