



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

April 25, 2024

RE: Support Letter for Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) Application to the Federal Transit Administration's Bus and Bus Facilities Competitive Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the Moving Maine Network, I am pleased to offer my enthusiastic support for MaineDOT's request for funding through the Federal Transit Administration's Fiscal Year 2024 Bus and Bus Facilities Competitive Program. The proposal includes funding to refurbish facilities for the Kennebec Valley Community Action Agency's (KVCAP) Transportation Program. These facilities are in dire need of renovations, including a new roof and a fully functioning HVAC system.

The Moving Maine Network is a statewide coalition focused on improving transportation access for people who can't drive and those who struggle to afford transportation – including older adults, people with disabilities, people with low incomes, and youth. In our work with riders and concerned stakeholders, we hear repeatedly about the need for more robust and equitable public transportation options in Maine.

Moving Maine strongly supports MaineDOT's grant application for this pivotal project because we know that KVCAP's transportation services are a lifeline for rural Mainers. If funded, KVCAP will be able to improve the reliability of the agency's service in Kennebec and Somerset Counties – two areas of the state with very limited public transportation options. We are hopeful that you will give the project your full consideration and award the requested funding.

Sincerely,

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