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

RE: Support Letter for Maine Department of Transportation (Maine DOT) Application to the USDOT FY2023 - 2026 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Bridge Grant Projects.

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Town of Chesterville is writing in support of Maine DOT's funding request to the FY 2023 - 2026 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) for repairs, rehabilitation and/or replacements of nine Off-System bridges throughout central Maine. Over time, these bridges have deteriorated into a state of poor condition and will continue to decline if not replaced in the near future.

Town of Chesterville has worked with Maine DOT to successfully carry out similar projects. We are committed to supporting sustainable solutions through replacement of these structures as part of a safe, resilient transportation system.

Town of Chesterville is committed to be a strong partner to assist Maine DOT through implementation across all sites as well as help gain community and partner support to advance these bridge projects. Town of Chesterville's current commitments to some of these projects include public outreach, advocacy, agency partnering, match funding, engineering design plans, construction, permitting, legal agreements, and post-construction monitoring]. If awarded, Town of Chesterville is committed to seeing the Off-System Bridge Replacement BIP projects through to successful implementation.

Town of Chesterville is in full support of Maine DOT's efforts to address these structures that are in poor condition, applying state-of-the-practice solutions to maximize state and federal investments into structure linkages that are critical to rural areas of central Maine.

Sincerely,

Eric Hilton
Chairman of Selectboard