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

Dear Secretary Duffy,

We are pleased to submit this letter of support for the Maine Department of Transportation's (MaineDOT) recent application to the FY 2025 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program.

Through this application, MaineDOT is seeking \$25 million in federal funding to support a \$31.2 million initiative titled *Opportunities Providing Easier Navigation in Brunswick* (OPEN in Brunswick). This transformative project aims to revitalize aging infrastructure in the Town of Brunswick, a vital regional hub for employment, retail, and healthcare in Midcoast Maine.

As is the case in many growing communities across the state, Brunswick faces the challenge of maintaining outdated infrastructure while addressing the needs of a growing population. The OPEN in Brunswick project proposes a thoughtful, forward-looking response. It includes the reconstruction of several key streets with traffic-calming design features, the installation of ADA-compliant sidewalks and crosswalks, the conversion of an inefficient one-way street into a more functional two-way corridor, and widespread resurfacing efforts—along with drainage improvements that will enhance long-term resiliency.

Importantly, the project will deliver significant public benefits: improving safety in high-crash areas, reducing congestion, enhancing mobility, and expanding access for all modes of transportation—without the need to widen roadways.

For these reasons, we fully support MaineDOT's request for BUILD Grant funding. We respectfully urge you to give their application your strongest consideration and to support this meaningful investment in Brunswick's future.

Respectfully,

Mattie Daughtry, President  
Maine State Senate

Daniel J. Ankeles  
State Representative

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