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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the Maine Department of Transportation's (MaineDOT) application for the FY 24/25 USDOT Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program. The proposed initiative, known as the *Delivering the Charge: A Recharge Maine Corridor Project*, aims to significantly enhance electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure throughout Maine, with critical backing from Efficiency Maine Trust.

MaineDOT's plan involves the installation of 80 DC Fast Charger ports strategically placed across 20 key locations along Maine's most traveled corridors. This project will play a crucial role in addressing EV range anxiety for both residents and visitors, thereby promoting the widespread adoption of electric vehicles. By complementing the existing network of chargers, this initiative will advance Maine's goals as outlined in the Maine Plan for Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment. The project also aligns with Maine's commitment to reducing harmful vehicle emissions and contributes to the state's broader environmental goals.

This Project will alleviate concerns about the availability of charging stations, fostering greater confidence among current and potential EV owners, reduce fuel costs and simplify access to charging stations, and help Maine reach its ambitious targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 45 percent by 2030, 80 percent by 2050, and carbon neutrality by 2045.

The transformation towards a sustainable and electrified transportation network is vital for both environmental stewardship and economic vitality. I urge the USDOT to give favorable consideration to MaineDOT's application and support this project.

Sincerely,

Janet T. Mills
Governor