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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in support for the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) and Efficiency Maine's application for a 2023 U.S. Department of Transportation Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant.

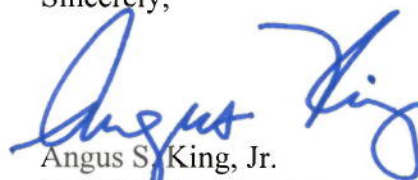
The funding requested by MaineDOT and Efficiency Maine will play a vital role in achieving several key objectives including assisting Maine in meeting the EV charging requirements along federally designated Alternative Fuel Corridors and ensuring the availability of charging infrastructure beyond fuel corridors, including disadvantaged communities, to cater to the needs of residents and tourists.

The proposed project aims to provide widespread public charging capabilities across Maine's communities, particularly benefiting individuals who lack access to home charging options, such as those residing in apartments and multi-unit dwellings. By strategically locating chargers in neighborhoods of various income levels, including disadvantaged communities, the project will foster inclusivity and significantly alleviate "range anxiety" by bridging gaps between charging locations.

I commend MaineDOT and Efficiency Maine for pursuing discretionary funding from the USDOT for this crucial project. Maine has been at the forefront of EV adoption as part of its nationally leading Climate Action Plan and has long been committed to ambitious climate improvement goals. It is my hope that the USDOT can assist the state in reaching its goals by ensuring easy and equitable access to EV charging stations for all members of our community, including residents and tourists.

Thank you for your consideration of their application. I sincerely urge you to support MaineDOT and Efficiency Maine's proposal, in accordance with all rules and regulation. Please contact Adam Lachman on my staff (202) 224-5344 with any questions and when a decision has been made.

Sincerely,



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