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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am pleased to submit this letter in support of the Maine Department of Transportation's (MaineDOT) application for a planning grant through the FY 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP). Through their application MaineDOT is seeking \$480,000 in funding assistance to support a project total of \$600,000. This funding will be used to create the MaineDOT Off-System Bridge Investment Program, a program that will be vital in prioritizing the backlog of 239 off-system bridges within their inventory that are listed in poor or critical condition.

This planning project will include the development of a detailed prioritization process and will include standard bridge designs and innovative materials. The program will help MaineDOT identify bridge bundles for replacement or rehabilitation, which MaineDOT intends to pursue with competitive funding through the Bridge Investment Program in future years. MaineDOT has repeatedly proven its ability to successfully deliver grant-funded projects on time and within budget. I have no doubt that this project will result in similar success.

I strongly support MaineDOT's efforts and urge you to grant them the funding they are seeking. Please do not hesitate to contact myself, or MaineDOT Commissioner Bruce Van Note, with any questions you might have.

Respectfully,

Janet T. Mills, Governor
State of Maine



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