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October 19, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

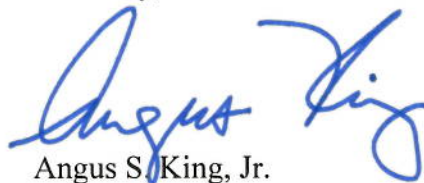
I am writing in strong support of the Maine Department of Transportation's (MaineDOT) application for funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2022 Bridge Investment Program. MaineDOT's project, the *U.S. Route 202/Interstate 95 Interchange Bridge Replacement and Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project*, proposes to replace an aging overpass over Interstate 95 in the City of Augusta, Maine's capital.

The 67-year-old U.S. Route 202/Interstate 95 Interchange Bridge carries more than 28,000 vehicles daily in a critical transportation section of central Maine. This bridge is approaching the end of its useful life. There is insufficient vertical clearance for safe freight passage on I-95, making it vulnerable to being struck, which would significantly disrupt traffic at this busy crossing.

I am pleased that MaineDOT has made this overpass a priority as it experiences heavy traffic counts and is important to freight movement in central Maine. This project proposes a new bridge that will include a higher clearance and contain a number of improvements to the condition, safety, geometry, reliability and economy of the intersection. This project will also incorporate wider sidewalks and modern, FHWA-compliant crosswalks so active transportation users can move safely through the area.

Thank you for your time in reviewing MaineDOT's application to the 2022 Bridge Investment Program. I encourage you to please carefully consider their proposal, subject to all applicable laws and regulations, and ask that you please notify Adam Lachman in my office at (202) 224-5344 when a final decision has been made.

Sincerely,



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