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April 14, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write in support of the application submitted by the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) and the Town of Windham to the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program.

Through their project, the *North Windham Moves: Regional Mobility - Local Access Project*, located along U.S. Route 302 and State Routes 35 & 115 in North Windham, numerous safety and mobility improvements will be implemented. Some of these improvements include traffic calming measures and pedestrian improvements, including new sidewalks and crosswalks. The project will also construct three local connector roads to improve accessibility to the region's commercial center and significantly reduce congestion and crashes on U.S. Route 302. Furthermore, the project will construct multi-use pathways to provide a safe route for those walking and biking to and from the Windham commercial district.

Windham is a service center that provides its residents and nearby communities access to jobs, shops, medical care, and other essential services. It is also a gateway to vital tourism and recreation critical to Maine's economy. Improving safety, reducing congestion, and increasing accessibility along U.S. Route 302 and State Routes 35 & 115 will support regional economic activity and improve the quality of life for residents and nearby communities.

Thank you for your time and effort on behalf of the Maine Department of Transportation and the Town of Windham. I urge your careful consideration of its application, and ask that you notify me, or your staff notify Trevor Hustus at (202) 224-2523, when a final decision has been made.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator