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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am pleased to send you the following letter in support of the Maine Department of Transportation's funding request through the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Grant Program. Through their application, MaineDOT is requesting funding to assist the reconstruction of numerous streets in the section of Portland Maine known as Libbytown. The proposed changes will include traffic calming features, ADA-compliant sidewalks and crosswalks, the installation of multi-use pathways and the construction of a roundabout that is safe and improves traffic flow for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians.

MaineDOT has and continues to work to improve the connectivity of smaller communities, throughout the state. Their *Reconnecting our Villages: Historic Libbytown Project* will improve safety and connectivity while allowing the Libbytown neighborhood to regain part of its original purpose of being the gateway to the city.

I am in full support of MaineDOT's application and believe their proposed project will transform this area to be more pedestrian, motorist, and bicyclist friendly. I respectfully urge you to grant them the funding they are seeking through their application.

Sincerely,

Janet T. Mills  
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