

July 14, 2023

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

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Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce is pleased to send you the following letter in strong support of the Maine Department of Transportation's (MaineDOT) \$8.0 million application for the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2022-2023 Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program to help fund the Caribou Wildlife and Aquatic Habitat Crossing Grant project. MaineDOT is requesting these funds to address significant standing water issues after weather events and safety issues associated with large animal crossings.

Sincerely,

LaNiece Sirois,

Executive Director