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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in support of the City of Martinsburg's application for federal funding through the Department of Transportations' Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program for the Martinsburg Greenway Trail Network Project.

As a leader of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, I am proud to have spearheaded bipartisan legislation that will directly invest in our nation's infrastructure needs. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will provide transformational support to our communities, and I am happy to see the positive effects this legislation is already having in West Virginia.

Should funding be awarded, the City of Martinsburg, in partnership with the Berkeley County Commission, will extend construction to the Route 9 walking/biking trail from Charles Town/Ranson through Martinsburg with its ultimate connection to War Memorial Park - all while making connections to the City's major parks. This could also restore Tuscarora Creek through downtown Martinsburg to its natural state by removing industrial era impediments, dilapidated infrastructure and restoring stream banks, which would create an asset through downtown Martinsburg while reducing flooding risk.

West Virginia's best days are ahead of us, and every investment made in our state brings us closer to the shared goal of uplifting Mountaineers everywhere. I am proud to see the City of Martinsburg directly investing in the future of the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia, and I remain a committed partner to our federal, state, and local entities working in West Virginia. I hope you will give this application your full consideration, as you consider recipients for this year's RAISE program.

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