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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C., 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write in regards to the Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MMMPO) application for funding through the Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program. Funding would support improvements to critical transportation corridors, and I am in support of their application.

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

Sadly, West Virginia has consistently ranked near the bottom in our infrastructure soundness, with many of our roads and bridges in dire need of repair or upgrade. Should funding be awarded, MMMPO will implement improvements to the Greenbag Road Corridor, which serves as an important link between Morgantown and neighboring Fairmont. This travel corridor links urban and rural communities, and requires upgrades to transform Greenbag Road into a safe, efficient, and attractive multimodal transportation corridor.

I firmly believe that West Virginia's brightest days are ahead of us. I am proud to see MMMPO directly investing in the future of our state, and our fellow Mountaineers. I remain a committed partner to our federal, state, and local entities, working in West Virginia, and hope you will give their application your full consideration.

Sincerely,



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