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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We are writing to express our support for the application submitted by Cass County, North Dakota to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Transportation Grants Program. Thank you for your consideration.

Currently, Cass County Highway 4, between County Highway 11 and North Dakota Highway 18, and Cass County Highway 10, between County Highway 5 and the City of Tower City, incur a substantial traffic load. These stretches of highway support significant economic activity from the local farm economy and agri-businesses, as well as daily commuter traffic. However, these roads cannot continue operating as such without grading and surfacing improvements to ensure continued mobility and safety.

Cass County is therefore proposing a total reconstruction of these roadways, including grading, culvert replacement, flood damage prevention improvements, and paving. The project would also widen and pave the shoulder beyond the current shallow gravel line, lowering the slope to standards set by the North Dakota Department of Transportation. Doing so will enhance safety, improve pedestrian and bicycle use of the roadways, and substantially benefit local, regional, and national multimodal transportation. The project will also enhance truck access to major agricultural commodity processing and storage sites located in central Cass County, supporting the largest sector of the regional economy.

Accordingly, we hope Cass County's application receives your favorable consideration, and that all of North Dakota's applications receive your full and fair consideration. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Chad M. Peterson
Chairman, Cass County Commission

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