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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg

Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE

Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Paragraph 1: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the <<Project Lead Agency>> to the United States Department of Transportation’s (USDOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) competitive grant program for the <<Project Name>> (Project).

Paragraph 2: *Briefly describe the RAISE 2023 grant amount requested and Federal, State, local, private matching funds; the project scope/description; year of construction; why it will be significant for the Nation, a metropolitan area, or a region; how it meets some of the RAISE 2023 merit criteria; it need not meet all of them.* ***Specifically mention how the Project considered climate change, environmental justice, and racial equity****.* *Please reference the NOFO for additional information.*

Paragraph 3: (Optional) *Closing statement, if letter still fits on one page. Explain Caltrans’ role, if applicable, or why Caltrans sees the Project as significant.*

Caltrans appreciates USDOT for its consideration of this Project.

Sincerely,

TONY TAVARES

Director