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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write to request your full consideration of the application submitted by the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) for a U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG). The grant would be an investment in the I-80 Capacity, Safety, and Reliability Enhancements project.

I-80 serves as an essential pathway for the movement of people and freight across the U.S. The portion the project would cover is located just outside of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska's second most-populous city. It carries nearly 40,000 daily trips, 25 percent of which are heavy trucks supporting America's supply chains. A safe, reliable I-80 with sufficient capacity conducive to the efficient flow of people and goods is critical to America's Heartland and the nation as a whole.

NDOT should be commended for its dedication to strengthening transportation and reducing delays, increasing safety and promoting economic development. I encourage you to thoroughly review NDOT's request.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator

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