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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We strongly support the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) application for the reconstruction and paving of US Highway 12 from Morristown east to Watauga for 9 miles by the South Dakota Department of Transportation. The project advances the goals of the National Infrastructure Project Assistance Grants (Mega), Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highways Projects (INFRA), and the Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (Rural) in a designated area of persistent poverty.

The project will improve mobility, connectivity, and economic competitiveness of Corson County, the Standing Rock Reservation, and the surrounding region and promotes economic vitality, reduces climate change impacts, reduces barriers to opportunity, leverages Federal funding, attracts non-Federal investment, holds grant recipients accountable for their performance, and promotes equity by improving transportation access to a disadvantaged area.

This illustrates the importance of the grant and the importance of the Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES) Initiative.

Thank you for any assistance you can provide in funding this grant. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact SDDOT Secretary Joel Jundt.

Sincerely,



Jacob Nehl, Chair

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