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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

May 10, 2022

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in regard to the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) and Rural Surface Transportation (RURAL) grant applications submitted by the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT). SDDOT intends to use these grants to reconstruct a portion of U.S. Highway 12, which provides vital access to the Standing Rock Indian Reservation and Corson County in northwest South Dakota.

This project will widen the shoulders and replace a bridge currently in poor condition along a nine mile stretch from Morristown to Watauga. According to SDDOT, this project will have a significant impact by providing vital east-west access through a designated area of persistent poverty. This route connects rural residents to goods and services, healthcare, schools, employment, childcare, and recreation.

I strongly urge you to give full and careful consideration to SDDOT's INFRA and RURAL applications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dusty Johnson".

DUSTY JOHNSON  
Member of Congress