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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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

RE: Sherburne County, Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

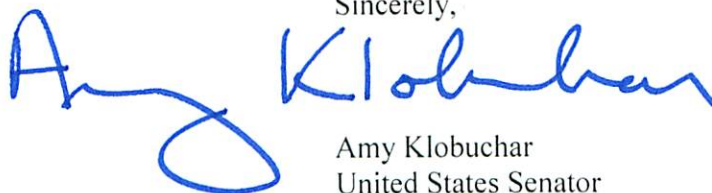
I write in support of Sherburne County's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program. If awarded, the funding would be used to complete a long-planned interchange at U.S. Highway 169 and County Highway 4 in Zimmerman, Minnesota. Completing this project would address critical safety concerns, enhance access to the Twin Cities metropolitan area, and provide additional capacity to support increasing traffic volumes in the region.

U.S. Highway 169 is a vital north-south arterial route that extends from central Minnesota to the Twin Cities metropolitan area and into southern Minnesota. The highway serves an important role in supporting commuters, freight movement, and recreational travel. Currently, U.S. Highway 169 in the city of Zimmerman is an outdated four-lane divided highway with at-grade roadway and driveway intersections, traffic signals at major intersections, and limited frontage road systems. The intersection is one of the last signalized intersections on U.S. Highway 169 and the State of Minnesota ranks this intersection as one of the most dangerous intersections in the state.

If awarded, funding from the RAISE Program would improve a critical junction in Minnesota's transportation network by installing a hybrid diamond interchange at U.S. Highway 169 and County Road 4 in Zimmerman, Minnesota. It would also be used to consolidate and upgrade 18 local roadway access and 26 private access points on U.S. Highway 169, including a new multimodal pedestrian and bicycle trail facility connection on County Highway 4. These improvements would eliminate significant safety issues, expand capacity, enhance accessibility, and support regional freight and tourism industries that rely on this critical corridor. This project would also help rural communities accommodate long-term growth and link them to economic opportunities in the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

Again, I support Sherburne County's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Program. If you have any questions, please contact Rommel Lee in my Minnesota office at (612) 727-5220 or by email at Rommel_Lee@Klobuchar.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



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