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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20509

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am pleased to support La Crosse County's application for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant program through the Department of Transportation. Funding for the project will improve freight, safety and mobility access on French Island in Wisconsin.

French Island is located in La Crosse County, and all of the island is part of the La Crosse Metropolitan Statistical Area, an area with approximately 137,000 residents. The island is accessible from the mainland by automobile, by way of the I-90 Mississippi River Bridge and from North La Crosse via the Clinton Street Bridge at the extreme southern end of the island. The La Crosse Regional Airport also occupies the northern part of French Island.

La Crosse County has confirmed local funding partnerships for this project, which optimizes connectivity, improves safety, and provides regionwide economic impacts. Specifically, RAISE funding would allow for reconstructing the existing roadway system with alternatives that include bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, reconfigured intersections, and improved grading and storm water facilities.

I strongly support programs that protect, connect, and improve the safety of Wisconsin's transportation network, benefitting our economy and our communities. For this reason, I respectfully request that full and fair consideration be given to the La Crosse County's RAISE application. Please keep my office updated on the progress of this application and contact my staff with any questions or concerns by phone at 414-297-4451 or by email at projects_grants@baldwin.senate.gov. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator