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United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 14, 2023

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 Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

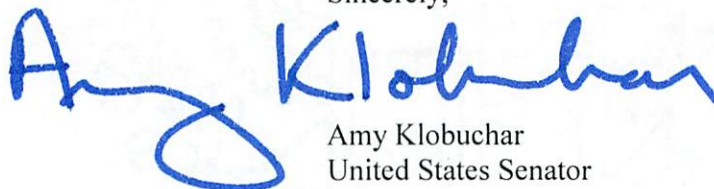
I write in support of Sherburne County's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program. If awarded, funding would be used to complete a long-planned interchange at U.S. Highway 169 (US-169) and County Highway 4 (CR 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 Currently, US-169 in the city of Zimmerman is an outdated four-lane divided highway with at-grade roadway and driveway intersections and limited frontage road systems. The intersection of US-169 and CR 4 is one of the last signalized intersections on US-169 in the region, 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 US-169, including a new multimodal pedestrian and bicycle trail facility connection on CR 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](mailto:Rommel_Lee@Klobuchar.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



Amy Klobuchar  
United States Senator

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 27, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Office of the Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Application/#DTOS59-23-RA-RAISE

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I urge your consideration for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Application submitted by Sherburne County. If awarded, the project would improve the safe and efficient operations of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange.

The Project will replace the last remaining at-grade signalized intersection for a 75-mile section of US 169. The interchange includes a tight ramp configuration with a hybrid roundabout controlling ramp access. The proposed design minimizes wetland resource and right-of-way impacts to lands adjacent to US 169 and constructs a safe multimodal pedestrian and bicycle trail facility connection on the proposed CR 4 bridge crossing over US 169. The Project will consolidate and improve local roadway access and private access points on US 169 with a hybrid diamond interchange at CR 4.

Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will eliminate significant safety issues, enhance accessibility, and support regional freight and tourism industries. It also should be noted that this project received a Congressional Directed Spending award of \$7 million in the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress.

For the reasons above, I encourage your strong consideration of this proposal. If you any questions, please contact Myles Artis by email at [myles\\_artis@smith.senate.gov](mailto:myles_artis@smith.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



Tina Smith

US Senator



TOM EMMER  
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# Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-2306

February 24, 2023

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

**RE: Letter of Support for the 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant: US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Rural Safety and Mobility Interchange Project**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express my support for the Sherburne County request for a 2023 DOT RAISE Discretionary Grant to improve the safe and efficient operations of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange.

The Project will replace the last remaining at-grade signalized intersection for a 75-mile section of US 169. The interchange includes a tight ramp configuration with a hybrid roundabout controlling ramp access. The proposed design minimizes wetland resources and right-of-way impacts to lands adjacent to US 169 and constructs a safe multimodal pedestrian and bicycle trail facility connection on the proposed CR 4 bridge crossing over US 169.

The Project will consolidate and improve local roadway access and private access points on US 169 with a hybrid diamond interchange at CR 4. The project has been allocated \$2.0M in State Bonding funds for the design of the interchange.

The construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will eliminate significant safety issues, enhance accessibility, and support regional freight and tourism industries. I respectfully request that you give this 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full and fair consideration.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance as you make your determination.

Sincerely,



Tom Emmer  
Member of Congress

**Kurt Daudt**  
House Minority Leader



**Minnesota**  
**House of**  
**Representatives**

June 24, 2021

Pete Buttigieg  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2021 RAISE Discretionary Grant: US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Rural Safety and Mobility Interchange Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing this letter to express our support for the Sherburne County request for a 2021 DOT INFRA Discretionary grant to improve the safe and efficient operations of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange.

The Project will replace the last remaining at-grade signalized intersection for a 75-mile section of US 169. The interchange includes a tight ramp configuration west of US 169 and a loop in the southeast quadrant of the interchange. The proposed design minimizes wetland resources and right-of-way impacts to lands adjacent to US 169 and constructs a safe multimodal pedestrian and bicycle trail facility connection on the proposed CR 4 bridge crossing over US 169. The Project will consolidate and improve 18 local roadway access and 26 private access points on US 169 with a hybrid diamond interchange at CR 4.

Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will greatly benefit (How will it affect your constituents/employees/community, etc.) and I am writing to express my support.

Please give this 2021 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer anything further please let me know. I may be reached at [rep.kurt.daudt@house.mn](mailto:rep.kurt.daudt@house.mn) or (651)296-5354.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kurt Daudt".

Kurt Daudt  
House Minority Leader  
Minnesota House of Representatives



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March 15, 2022

Pete Buttigieg  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant: US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Rural Safety and Mobility Interchange Project

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US Highway 169 is vital for our community as it is the most direct connection to the Twin Cities metropolitan area. This is of great importance for the large number of residents and business that reside in Mille Lacs County and work in the Twin Cities, and also for those businesses in Mille Lacs County that rely heavily on tourism from the Twin Cities. Per the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), in 2019 56.8% of individuals employed in Mille Lacs County commuted into the County for work, but lived outside its borders. Additionally, 64.1% of individuals living in Mille Lacs County were employed outside the County. US Highway 169 is critical to these commuters and ensuring that both local businesses have access to the skilled workforce they require, and that residents have access to economic and social opportunities via Highway 169.

Please give this 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer anything further, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Genny Reynolds  
Mille Lacs County Board Chairperson



June 22, 2021

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

RE: Letter of Support for the 2021 RAISE Discretionary Grant: US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Rural Safety and Mobility Interchange Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing on behalf of the Elk River, Minnesota Mayor and City Council to express our support for the Sherburne County request for a 2021 DOT INFRA Discretionary grant to improve the safe and efficient operations of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange.

The Project will replace the last remaining at-grade signalized intersection for a 75-mile section of US 169. The interchange includes a tight ramp configuration west of US 169 and a loop in the southeast quadrant of the interchange. The proposed design minimizes wetland resources and right-of-way impacts to lands adjacent to US 169 and constructs a safe multimodal pedestrian and bicycle trail facility connection on the proposed CR 4 bridge crossing over US 169. The Project will consolidate and improve 18 local roadway access and 26 private access points on US 169 with a hybrid diamond interchange at CR 4.

Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will greatly benefit the entire region served by the US 169 Corridor which is why we express our support for this much needed project.

Please give this 2021 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer anything further please let me know.

Sincerely,

Justin Femrite, P.E.  
Chief Engineer and Director of Public Works  
City of Elk River

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March 24, 2022

Pete Buttigieg  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant: US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Rural Safety and Mobility Interchange Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The City of Princeton supports Sherburne County's request for a 2022 DOT RAISE Discretionary Grant to improve the safe and efficient operations of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange.

The Project will replace the last remaining at-grade signalized intersection for a 75-mile section of US 169. The interchange includes a tight ramp configuration west of US 169 and a loop in the southeast quadrant of the interchange. The proposed design minimizes wetland resources and right-of-way impacts to lands adjacent to US 169 and constructs a safe multimodal pedestrian and bicycle trail facility connection on the proposed CR 4 bridge crossing over US 169. The Project will consolidate and improve local roadway access and private access points on US 169 with a hybrid diamond interchange at CR 4.

We are excited that the project has been allocated \$2.0M in State Bond funds for the design of the interchange. We are even more excited to see the design work is well underway.

Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will greatly benefit the traveling public by improving safety, reducing congestion for vacation-bound travelers, and improving travel times for goods, services and emergency response.

The Princeton City Council encourages you to give this 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration. If you have questions, please direct them to the City Administrator, Michele McPherson at [mmcpherson@princetonmn.org](mailto:mmcpherson@princetonmn.org) or (763) 389-2040.

Sincerely,

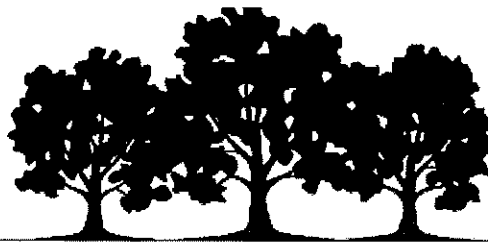
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Thom Walker  
Mayor

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# BALDWIN TOWNSHIP

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June 8, 2020

Elaine L. Chao  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2020 BUILD Discretionary Grant: Highway 169/ County Highway 4 Interchange Project (Zimmerman, MN)

Dear Ms. Chao,

We are writing in support of Sherburne County's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant. If awarded, the funding would be used to complete a long-planned interchange at U.S. Highway 169 and County Highway 4 in the City of Zimmerman, Minnesota. This project addresses critical safety concerns and will provide crucial capacity to support increasing traffic volumes on U.S. Highway 169.

The project is regionally significant as it will serve several rural communities in greater Central Minnesota and enhances access to the metropolitan region. The project is located in a rural community and will provide a critical linkage to the Twin Cities economic center. U.S. Highway 169 is a vital north-south arterial route in central Minnesota and serves an important role in supporting commuters, freight movement, and recreational travel. Travel from 76 of the 87 counties in Minnesota passes through the project area.

Currently, U.S. Highway 169 in the City of Zimmerman is a four-lane divided highway with at-grade roadway and driveway intersections, traffic signals at major intersections, and limited frontage and backage road systems. The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has secured funding to reconstruct U.S. Highway 169 to a freeway system. The County is seeking BUILD funds to complete the vision for the U.S. Highway 169 corridor and address critical safety issues.

The U.S. Highway 169/County Highway 4 intersection will represent the last remaining signalized intersection within a 75-mile corridor of U.S. Highway 169 between Interstate 94 and Mille Lacs County following completion of the MnDOT's Highway 169 Reconstruction Project. The current traffic signal control at the Highway 169/County Highway 4 is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> worst in safety within Central Minnesota (MnDOT District 3). Reconstruction of this intersection is critical to eliminate significant safety issues, expand capacity, and support the freight and tourism industries that rely on this corridor.

BUILD grant funds will be used to construct the Highway 169/County Highway 4 interchange to address critical safety and operational issues, as well as accommodate planned long-term growth and connect rural communities to economic opportunities in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

We support the Sherburne County's application for the funding of the Highway 169/ County Highway 4 Project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 763-389-8931 or [cathy.stevens@baldwintwpmn.com](mailto:cathy.stevens@baldwintwpmn.com).

#### Mission Statement

To make Baldwin Township a proud place to live by safeguarding property rights, encouraging agriculture, commercial communities and residential growth.



Elaine L. Chao  
June 8, 2020  
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Sincerely,

*The Baldwin Town Board*

The Baldwin Town Board  
Sherburne County Minnesota

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March 11, 2022

Pete Buttigieg  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant: US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4)  
Rural Safety and Mobility Interchange Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing this letter to express our support for the Sherburne County request for a 2022 DOT RAISE Discretionary grant to improve the safe and efficient operations of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange.

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We are excited that the project has been allocated \$2.0M in State Bond funds for the design of the interchange. We are even more excited to see the design work is well underway.

Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will greatly benefit ISD 728 staff and community members, creating safe opportunities to get to and from schools and local businesses. I am writing to express my support.

Please give this 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration, and if I can answer anything further, please let me know. I may be reached at 763-241-3401 or at [daniel.bittman@isd728.org](mailto:daniel.bittman@isd728.org).

Sincerely,

*Daniel Bittman*

Dr. Daniel Bittman  
Superintendent of Schools  
ISD 728



March 15, 2022

Pete Buttigieg  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant: US Highway  
169/County Road (CR 4) Rural Safety and Mobility Interchange Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing this letter to express the Department's support for the Sherburne County request for a 2022 DOT RAISE Discretionary Grant. As an Emergency First Responder and Fire Chief, I fully support the County's efforts to improve the safety and efficient operations of the proposed US Highway 169/County Road 4 (CR 4) Interchange.

The Project will replace the last remaining at-grade signalized intersection for a 75-mile section of US 169. Elimination of the signalized intersection and grade separation will undoubtedly save lives through the elimination of broadside vehicle crashes, most occurring at highway speeds when a motorist disregards the traffic signal. While the proposed design minimizes wetland resources and right-of-way impacts to lands adjacent to US 169, it also constructs a safe multimodal pedestrian and bicycle trail connection crossing US 169.

Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will address critical safety and operational issues that have existed at this intersection for 20+ years.

Please give this 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration, and if I can answer any further questions, please contact me at 763-856-2280.

Sincerely,

Ryan Maloney  
Fire Chief



# Sherburne County Sheriff's Office

*"Commitment to Service with Integrity and Pride"*

**Sheriff Joel Brott**

February 14, 2023

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Construction of the Interchange Project will greatly benefit our community and those that travel through it on their way to visit family, spend time up north, or simply commuting to and from their workplace. The northeast portion of our county is the fastest growing area in our jurisdiction; projections anticipate a 40% increase in traffic volume over the next 20 years. In the last seven years, 139 crashes, including one fatality, have occurred at this intersection with damages estimated over \$17 million. Our deputies typically are the first to respond to these crashes, witnessing firsthand the lifechanging events that are put into motion. The Sherburne County Sheriff's Office supports this initiative knowing we could provide a safer route, not only for motorists, but for pedestrian and bicyclists, alike.

Please give this 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer anything further, please let me know. I may be reached at 763-765-3501 or [joel.brott@co.sherburne.mn.us](mailto:joel.brott@co.sherburne.mn.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel Brott", is written over a horizontal line.

Sheriff Joel Brott

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March 15, 2022

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Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will greatly benefit the existing business community through improved highway access, and promote additional growth of commercial, retail and service businesses. This Project also significantly improves the safety of the local, regional, intrastate and interstate travelers. The Zimmerman Area Chamber fully supports Sherburne County's request.

Please give this 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer anything further please let me know. I may be reached at 763-856-4666 x 1022.

Sincerely,

Kary Tillmann  
Board Member

February 28, 2023

Pete Buttigieg  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590



RE: Letter of Support for the 2023 RAISE  
169/County Road (CR 4) Rural Safety and Mobility Interchange Project

Discretionary Grant: US Highway

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Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will greatly benefit businesses along the corridor and those north and south that travel through the area with both safety and congestion. The current congestion and safety concerns are limited future economic development potential and this improvement can to mitigate that obstacle. We would like to express our support.

Please give this 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer anything further, please let me know. I may be reached at 763-441-3110

Sincerely,

**Debbi Rydberg**  
*Executive Director*  
*Elk River Area Chamber of Commerce*  
Main: 763-441-3110  
509 US-10, Elk River, MN 55330

April 5, 2022

Pete Buttigieg  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Please give this 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration, and if I can answer any further questions, please contact me at 763-856-2280.

Sincerely,

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March 22, 2022

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Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will greatly benefit the City of Zimmerman as well as Livonia Township, and I am writing to express my support. We currently have multiple existing commercial buildings, one under construction, and own additional developable property. My tenants and residents I lease to must have a safe ingress/egress access to move on and off this busy highway.

Please give this 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer anything further please let me know. I may be reached at my office 763-427-5955 or my cell 612-282-9466.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Kuker", followed by a horizontal line.

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# *Riverside Development Company*

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March 18, 2022

Pete Buttigieg  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant: US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Rural Safety and Mobility Interchange Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing this letter to express our support for the Sherburne County request for a 2022 DOT RAISE Discretionary Grant to improve the safe and efficient operations of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange in Zimmerman, Minnesota.

The Project will replace the last remaining at-grade signalized intersection for a 75-mile section of US 169. The interchange includes a tight ramp configuration west of US 169 and a loop in the southeast quadrant of the interchange. The proposed design minimizes wetland resources and right-of-way impacts to lands adjacent to US 169 and constructs a safe multimodal pedestrian and bicycle trail facility connection on the proposed CR 4 bridge crossing over US 169. The Project will consolidate and improve local roadway access and private access points on US 169 with a hybrid diamond interchange at CR 4.

We are excited that the project has been allocated \$2.0M in State Bond funds for the design of the interchange. We are even more excited to see the design work is well underway.

Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project will greatly increase traffic safety and highway access for residents and businesses in the greater Zimmerman community, as well as the general public travelling this corridor.

Please give this 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration.

Sincerely,



Richard C. Foster  
President

March 24, 2022

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Construction of the US Highway 169/County Road (CR 4) Interchange Project must become a priority with the planned traffic flow improvements to US Highway 169, through the City of Elk River, to our south. An already proven dangerous intersection for the residents of Sherburne County will become even more so without this necessary traffic safety improvement. I am writing to express my support.

Please give this 2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant proposal your full consideration and if I can answer anything further please let me know. I can be reached at [blavigne@thebankofelkriver.com](mailto:blavigne@thebankofelkriver.com)

Sincerely,



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The Bank of Elk River