

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 23, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

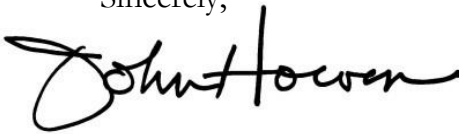
We are writing to express our support for the application submitted by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Transportation Grants Program. Thank you for your consideration.

Under this proposal, the Tribe will reconstruct Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Highway 6 to bring the roadway into a state of good repair. This includes addressing poor pavement conditions, correcting vertical curve deficiencies, improving ditch-slope, and modernizing signage and striping. Doing so will sustain access to existing transit opportunities between rural communities within the Standing Rock Indian Reservation, providing critical mobility and connectivity to essential Tribal resources such as emergency services, health care, education, and historically and culturally significant resources.

BIA Highway 6 is a significant interregional corridor that connects several Tribal and non-Tribal rural communities within the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. In line with the Tribe's economic development strategy, repairing this roadway will strengthen these rural communities, improve safety and resiliency, and sustain growth for the next generation.

Accordingly, we hope this application receives your favorable consideration, and that all of North Dakota's applications receive your full and fair consideration. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please keep us informed of the review process, and feel free to contact us with any updates or inquiries you may have.

Sincerely,



John Hoeven
US Senator



Kevin Cramer
US Senator



Kelly Armstrong
Member of Congress