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Commissioner John Caldwell Northern District

From: Commissioner John Caldwell

Mississippi Transportation Commission Mississippi Department of Transportation

Northern District

To: The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation

U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Subj: LETTER OF PROJECT SUPPORT, FY2021 RAISE Grant Application RIVERSIDE ROAD, QUITMAN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

- 1. Please accept this enthusiastic endorsement for RIVERSIDE ROAD, QUITMAN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI for FY2021 Rebuilding America Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) funds. This connector road between the Mississippi Delta towns of Marks and Lambert is simply in dire need. When it comes to sustainable and equitable transportation construction project goals, this project meets and exceeds those goals.
- 2. High poverty and fewer sources for public infrastructure funding leaves this economically challenged area in the greatest need of federal assistance. This section of roadway and the economically challenged residents and businesses served by this road need special consideration, as they try to move forward amid numerous challenges.
- 3. Your full consideration is very much appreciated. The RIVERSIDE ROAD project will provide equitable and sustainable impacts to this diverse and dynamic region.

Enthusiastically Recommended,

John MM Caldwell, L.

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