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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, D.C. 20003-3660

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I would like to express my support for Quitman County's application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant.

With funding from the Department of Transportation, Quitman County, Mississippi, intends to improve the infrastructure of Riverside Road in the county. This road connects the towns of Marks and Lambert and runs parallel to the Coldwater River. It is subject to flooding during high water periods, and the proposed project would improve drainage along the road. The project would also add a multi-use pathway for recreation and health promotion. Quitman County is a small, rural community with a poverty rate of 35 percent. Improved infrastructure through the RAISE program would greatly improve the quality of life in the county.

I hope that you will give Quitman County's application every consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide additional information.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Roger F. Wicker

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