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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590 0001

**RE: FY2022 DOT: Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Application: Quitman County, Mississippi**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I submit this letter on behalf of the Town of Lambert's Board of Mayor and Aldermen. We find Quitman County's 2022 RAISE application to be most beneficial to the overall wellbeing of Quitman County, Mississippi and its residents. Improvements to the infrastructure on Riverside Road would prove to be both incredibly sustainable as well as equitable in its outcome for the residents.

Riverside Road adjoins the neighboring Towns of Marks and Lambert. This is often an unsafe route to travel due to flooding as well as the troubled terrain of the area. Improvements to this area would not only have great economic significance as it regards the growth and development of the County but would most assuredly impact the well-being of the citizens who would utilize this area, by providing them with a safe, efficient route to travel between the two Towns. The capability to safely use non-motorized transportation on this route would help to positively affect climate change and would directly benefit the health of the individuals who travel by bicycle or by foot.

The area of Quitman County faces many challenges, as the resources here tend to be rather limited due to the poverty of the area as well as poor economic circumstances.

Your consideration to this project is greatly appreciated by this Board.

Sincerely,

Shirley Smith Taylor  
Mayor