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April 13th, 2022

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:

As Co-Director of the University of Mississippi Community First Research Center for Community Wellbeing (UM CREW), I am submitting this letter of support for the Quitman County 2022 RAISE application for improvements to the infrastructure to Riverside Road. We will work with the County government, community organizations, and others associated with the project to conduct community outreach related to the project—including townhalls. UM CREW has more than two decades of community-based research experience, and works closely with community partners to equitable opportunities for decision-making and voice.

We hope you strongly consider this application for funding.

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