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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:

As Director of the University of Mississippi Center for Population Studies (CPS), 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. CPS has a 40 year history of working with Mississippi communities to facilitate data-driven decision-making and coordinating municipal, non-profit, and state resources to bear on issues of greatest concern to Mississippians.

We hope you strongly consider this application for funding.

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