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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express my support for a grant application recently submitted to USDOT by the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) through the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Program. The purpose of this letter is to highlight the critical importance of the proposed project and its positive impact on the divided neighborhood that was once the gateway to the city of Portland, Maine.

MaineDOT's Reconnecting our Villages: Historic Libbytown application seeks funding to address burdens and to support accessibility to housing, employment, retail, healthcare, tourism, and recreation. The proposed project will improve safety and efficiency for motorists and active transportation users, restore connectivity in a neighborhood divided by an interstate highway, and help the pedestrian and bicycle access to meet ADA and MaineDOT standards for active transportation infrastructure.

I urge you to consider this application in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations. Please reach out to Corinne Latti (202-225-6116) should you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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