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July 7, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write to express my strong support for the City of High Point's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application. The project, "High Point on the RISE: Reimagining Infrastructure for Sustainability and Equity," is a collaboration between the City of High Point, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), and other local stakeholders.

High Point, also known as the Furniture Capital of the World, hosts the largest home furnishings industry trade show in the world and is home to 114,000 permanent residents. Downtown High Point has long been centered around the Furniture Market, but City leaders are focused on expanding amenities and opportunities for residents, including the 24 percent of area households that do not have a car.

"High Point on the RISE" is a multimodal project in the heart of Downtown High Point that will improve access to transit, jobs, public resources, and opportunities for low-income communities of color. As part of a statewide and regional greenway spine identified in the NCDOT Great Trails State Plan, this project will be a national model for state, regional, and local coordination to create a safer, more equitable, and better-connected multimodal transportation network for all users.

With a RAISE grant award, USDOT will have a unique opportunity to showcase a project that aligns closely with the Biden Administration's objectives, such as enhanced access to opportunities for historically marginalized communities, creating an equitable transportation system that works for

everyone, and transitioning to a more environmentally-conscience network that prioritizes non-motorized users. This project will deliver healthy, climate-friendly, resilient, and integrated transportation options for residents and visitors of Downtown High Point.

Thank you for giving this important project your full and fair consideration during the selection process. If you have any questions, please contact my District Director, Salima Thomas at salima.thomas@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Manning". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathy Manning
Member of Congress

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