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February 13, 2022

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

Dear Secretary, Buttigieg:

The Lumberton Visitors Bureau is pleased to provide a letter of support for **SAFE Lumberton, Safer Access for Everyone**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. SAFE Lumberton would provide funds for complete streets improvements in Lumberton, NC.

This multimodal project in the heart of downtown Lumberton will provide improvements along approximately 2.1 miles of NC 72 between NC 41 and NC 211 (N Roberts Ave), providing enhanced pedestrian connections between downtown and the larger community. NCDOT will work closely with the City of Lumberton on the project, which could serve as a model for the State on how to coordinate with locals and create safe, more equitable, and connected networks for all roadway users.

The Lumberton Visitors Bureau welcomes visitors to the City and educates residents about the amenities Lumberton has to offer. SAFE Lumberton's multimodal improvements would create more connected crossings and encourage tourists to visit the historic downtown and spend time exploring Lumberton.

This project aligns closely with the Biden administration's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, including improving access opportunities to historically marginalized communities and creating a transportation system that is equitable and works for everyone: motorists and non-motorists. The project will also improve access to transit, public resources, greenways, jobs, and opportunities for low-income communities.

The Lumberton Visitors Bureau strongly supports **SAFE Lumberton** for pedestrian improvements on NC 72. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Sumner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Angela" and last name "Sumner" clearly distinguishable.

Angela Sumner, Executive Director  
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