## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

February 22, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, Dc 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We write to express our support for the North Dakota Department of Transportation's (NDDOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity (RAISE) grant application for the Interstate 94 (I-94) State of Good Repair Project. Thank you for your consideration.

I-94 is a significant regional corridor for North Dakota communities, providing a critical connection to the state's growing tourism economy and significant energy resources. Maintaining and improving transportation infrastructure is critical for safe and efficient travel across the United States and is a major component of the state's strategic economic development framework.

If awarded, NDDOT will utilize RAISE funding to bring ten miles of I-94 in each direction east of Bismarck into a State of Good Repair. The project aligns with U.S. Department of Transportation's strategic goals as it addresses safety, mobility, reliability, and economic resiliency of the Interstate Highway system adjacent to Bismarck-Mandan, the second largest metropolitan area in North Dakota. At the same time, the project will benefit rural communities and interregional travelers, supporting reliable travel and contributing to growth in the region for decades to come.

Accordingly, we hope this application receives your favorable consideration, and all of North Dakota's applications your full and fair consideration. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please keep us informed of the review process, and feel free to contact us with any updates or inquiries you may have.

Sincerely,

John Hoeven US Senator Kevin Cramer US Senator Kelly Armstrong

Member of Congress