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Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

In support of the BIA 33 Tribal Resiliency and Evacuation Route Improvement Project Application for the Oglala Sioux Tribe as part of the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) grant program the tribe is requesting 100% federal funding for this project.

The Oglala Sioux Tribe certifies that they are an Indian Tribe as defined in 23 U.S.C. 207, and the area served by the proposed BIA 33 Tribal Resiliency and Evacuation Route Improvement Project qualifies as a Tribal Tract and is an Economically Disadvantaged Rural Community (EDRC). This qualifies the application for a federal cost share of 100% of the proposed mitigation project.

Per the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 PROTECT Notice of Funding Opportunity, the requirements to qualify for this 100% federal cost match as stated:

"If an Indian Tribe (as defined in 23 U.S.C. § 207(m)(1)) receives a Resilience Improvement Grant and Community Resilience and Evacuation Route Grant or At- Risk Coastal Infrastructure Grants, on the determination of the Secretary of DOT, the Federal share of an eligible project may be up to 100 percent. (23 U.S.C. § 176(d)(5)(E)(ii)(II))."

The applicant and relevant community for this grant application qualifies for this requirement for purposes of this FY22/23 PROTECT application.

Sincerely,

David A. Kelly
Director

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President