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# United States Senate

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

It has come to my attention the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe (CRST) has submitted a request for funding from the United States Department of Transportation under the Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects (NSFLTP) program. As a strong advocate for investing in our nation's infrastructure, I write in support of their application.

Should they receive funding, the CRST plans to move forward with the BIA 12 Cherry Creek to Eagle Butte Improvement project. Currently, BIA 12 is a gravel road in poor and deteriorating condition. As this route is essential for the Cherry Creek community to access critical services, I applaud the CRST for their commitment and dedication to making this project a reality. It is also important to note the CRST is committed to providing a twenty-percent match toward the funding of this endeavor.

As you will note from their application, the CRST will pave the roadway; create proper driving lanes with shoulders; and offer additional safety features such as guardrail installation, rumble strips, and slope flattening. Making necessary improvements into our nation's infrastructure system is vital to the health and well-being of communities throughout the country, and this project on the Cheyenne River Reservation will provide residents proper and safe connectivity that is long overdue.

Your thorough review of their application would be greatly appreciated, and I urge you to give it every consideration. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kindest regards,

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