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

Dear Secretary Duffy:

I am writing in regard to the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant application submitted by the Rosebud Sioux Tribe of South Dakota. Rosebud Sioux Tribe intends to use this grant for the BIA Route 1/Kilgore Road to US-20 Regional Improvement Project.

The current road conditions, amplified by sharp horizontal curves, have led to numerous vehicular crashes of which several resulted in fatalities. The existing narrow road top, steep hills, and limited sight distances pose significant risks to travelers. Upgrading this route would create a safer, more reliable connection between Kilgore, Cherry County, NE, and St. Francis, Todd County, SD. This enhanced connectivity is crucial for residents accessing employment, education, commerce, and daily necessities.

This project proposes to develop Americans with Disabilities Act compliant pedestrian facilities with amenities such as park benches and shade trees along BIA Route 1 and Warrior Road in St. Francis, providing a safe space for pedestrians and bicyclists. The project will complete all planning and preconstruction activities to reconstruct the roadways, address line of sight restrictions, solve drainage issues, complete shoulder widening, and add pedestrian facilities. The project will significantly improve the safety and accessibility of the transportation system within the community, provide opportunity for future economic and tourism development, and connect residents to schools, businesses, medical and essential services, and Tribal facilities.

I strongly urge you to give full and careful consideration to Rosebud Sioux Tribe's BUILD application.

Sincerely,

Dusty Johnson

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Member of Congress

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