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Honorable Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Rosebud Sioux Tribe 2025 RAISE Grant Application for the BIA Route 1-Kilgore Road to US Highway 20 Improvement Project

Dear Secretary of Transportation,

I am writing in support of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's RAISE grant application for the BIA Route 1-Kilgore Road to US Highway 20 Improvement Project.

This application showcases a project that will bring back to life and rehabilitate a route which naturally divides the City of St. Francis and provides access to all areas of the Rosebud Sioux Reservation and into Nebraska.

The project will revitalize the City of St. Francis and aims to increase public safety and reduce motor vehicle accidents by reconstructing narrow asphalt roads that have tight corners and steep side slopes. Improvements would bring this 17-mile corridor into compliance with current Federal Highway Administration safety requirements.

The project also includes the construction of an ADA-accessible shared-use pathway that begins at the St. Francis Indian School access road and continues 1-mile South providing recreational use for school field trips, sports, health activities and most importantly it provides a pedestrian friendly environment.

The RST Law Enforcement Services supports public safety, community infrastructure, and safe increased access to outdoor recreation and public lands. We also support projects that enhance the overall wellness of our community.

For these reasons, I am happy to offer my support for Rosebud Sioux Tribe's RAISE grant application.

Sincerely,

Frank Iron Heart
Acting Chief of Police
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