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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

It has come to my attention the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate (SWO) have submitted a request for funding from the United States Department of Transportation under the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. As a strong advocate for investing in our nation's infrastructure, I write in support of their application.

As you may know, the Lake Traverse Reservation spans roughly 1450 square miles in northeast South Dakota and southeast North Dakota. Access to a safe, reliable transportation network is critical to commerce and essential services for tribal members and other residents in the region.

Should they receive funding, the SWO plans to consolidate maintenance, transit, and administrative services into a new transportation facility. Integrating these programs and offices to one site will enhance productivity, improve efficiency, and provide additional transportation solutions for the SWO Transportation Department.

As you know, making necessary investments into our nation's infrastructure system is important to job creation and sustained economic growth in communities throughout the country. 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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