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Honorable Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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RE: Letter of Support for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's 2025 RAISE Grant Application – BIA Route 1-Kilgore Road to US Highway 20 Improvement Project

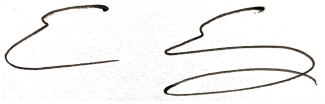
Dear Secretary of Transportation,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's 2025 RAISE grant application for the BIA Route 1-Kilgore Road to US Highway 20 Improvement Project. This project is a critical initiative that will not only enhance public safety but also improve emergency response times, ensuring the safety of both first responders and community members. The proposed improvements to Kilgore Road will revitalize a key route that connects the City of St. Francis with various areas of the Rosebud Sioux Reservation and extends into Nebraska. This route currently faces significant safety challenges due to narrow asphalt roads, sharp curves, and steep side slopes. By reconstructing this 17-mile corridor to meet Federal Highway Administration safety standards, this project will reduce motor vehicle accidents and create a safer transportation environment for all.

Moreover, the project will include the construction of an ADA-accessible shared-use pathway beginning at the St. Francis Indian School access road and extending one mile south. This pathway will serve as a valuable resource for recreational activities, school field trips, sports, and health initiatives, while also promoting a pedestrian-friendly environment that prioritizes safety and accessibility. As the Director of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Emergency Medical Service, I am deeply committed to public safety and community wellness. This project aligns perfectly with our mission to support infrastructure that enhances safety, facilitates outdoor recreation, and improves access to public lands.

The improvements proposed in this project will have a transformative impact on the region, fostering greater connectivity, safety, and overall well-being for our community. For these reasons, I strongly urge your favorable consideration of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's grant application. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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