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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: FY 2021 RAISE grant program
Applicant: City of High Point (North Carolina)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am pleased to support the application submitted by the City of High Point for funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program.

The City of High Point indicates that its project, *High Point on the RISE: Imagining Infrastructure for Sustainability and Equity*, is a collaboration between the City of High Point, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), and other local stakeholders. High Point, also known as the Furniture Capital of the World, hosts the largest home furnishings industry trade show in the world, and is the home of 114,000 permanent residents. Downtown High Point has long been centered around the Furniture Market, but City leaders are focused on expanding amenities for the City's residents, including the 24% of area households that do not have a car.

It is my understanding that *High Point on the RISE* is a multimodal project that will improve access to transit, jobs, public resources, and opportunities for low-income communities of color. As part of a statewide and regional greenway spine identified in the NCDOT Great Trails State Plan, this project will be a national model for state, regional, and local coordination to create a safer, more equitable, and better-connected multimodal transportation network for all users.

Improved transportation and related infrastructure are critical to economic development and growth, and I thank you for your consideration of the City of High Point's application. Please feel free to contact my Raleigh office at 919-856-4630 if you have questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,



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