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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Kansas Department of Transportation, (KDOT), I am writing in support of the City of Russell's application for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) funding to assist the city with their Paving the Way to a Sustainable Future multi-modal infrastructure improvement Project. Russell is a thriving rural community in northwest Kansas that has worked hard to develop an innovative and thoughtful solution to address some of its most critical transportation infrastructure challenges.

Through the Paving the Way to a Sustainable Future Project the City of Russell looks to replace and enhance streets and sidewalks. This investment will provide better access throughout Russell for users of all modes. The project is in alignment with the priorities of the RAISE grant program:

1. It will enhance the safety and quality of life for the community's residents.
2. It will catalyze economic development in Russell.

KDOT asks the U.S. DOT to give favorable consideration to the Paving the Way to a Sustainable Future Project application submitted by the City of Russell. KDOT is prepared to help administer this project if awarded a RAISE grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel Skelley".

Joel Skelley
Director of Policy