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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
United States Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: City of Moorhead, Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write in support of the City of Moorhead's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation Program. If awarded, funding would support the Climate Resilience Stormwater Mitigation Project, which would make improvements to the City's storm sewer system and help protect critical infrastructure.

Located on the Minnesota-North Dakota border along the banks of the Red River, the Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area is home to over 200,000 residents. For over 150 years, the region has served as a major commercial, economic, and population center for communities in the area. However, due to its proximity to the Red River, the city of Moorhead is under constant threat of costly, hazardous, and potentially catastrophic floods each year. Since 1902, the Red River has exceeded flood levels 56 times, and the problem has worsened in recent years, with seven of the top ten floods occurring in the past three decades.

Funding from the United States Department of Transportation would support improvements to the City's storm sewer system to help mitigate flooding and ensure that the local transportation network is protected. Specifically, funding would be used to expand and update aging portions of the storm sewer system, and make upgrades to three municipal streets. Completing this project would improve the regional transportation network by implementing a system that protects essential infrastructure, enhances public safety, and makes Fargo-Moorhead more resilient to future flooding.

Again, I support the City of Moorhead's application for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation Program. If you have any questions, please contact Rommel Lee in my Minnesota office at (612) 727-5220 or by email at Rommel_Lee@Klobuchar.senate.gov.

Sincerely,


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United States Senator