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

Subject: Letter of Support – Bayfield County Wisconsin application for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) funding

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am pleased to submit this Letter of Support for Bayfield County, Wisconsin's application for a RAISE grant to help fund highway improvements in Northwest Wisconsin.

The Bayfield County project will upgrade County Highways A and N to All Season status allowing for year-round access in a heavy timber corridor surrounded by national and county forest. At present work is suspended during spring thaw, lasting an average of two months when roads cannot sustain heavy loads without being damaged.

The project connects US Highway 2 in Iron River Wisconsin with State Highway 27 creating an all-season alternative.

Twice in the last six years, highway washouts on US 2 and on State Highway 63 have impacted daily freight and commerce across the region. This project will create an alternate all season route.

Improvements include base improvements, surfacing, paved road edges and improved shoulders which will improve safety, rideability and all-season access for trucking. These improvements will create immediate savings for local businesses and strengthen the county's rural communities.

This project's improvements are consistent with the RAISE program's goals improving safety, mobility of commercial traffic, and rural economic growth.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Romaine Robert Quinn
State Senator
Wisconsin's 25th Senate District