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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write in support for the recent applications submitted by the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) to the Federal Transit Administration's Low or No Emissions Grant Program and Bus and Bus Facilities Competitive Program.

MaineDOT, in collaboration with multiple transit agencies across Maine, has requested \$10.9 million to procure low and no-emissions vehicles for transit services statewide. This funding will cover essential infrastructure and equipment costs necessary for the successful implementation of these initiatives. MaineDOT has also applied for \$3.2 million through the Bus and Bus Facilities Program to replace outdated vehicles in the state's bus fleet as well as undertake critical renovations of facilities urgently requiring repair.

If awarded, these funds will facilitate the acquisition of hybrid and electric vehicles. Additionally, the proposed infrastructure enhancements, including the installation of charging stations, are integral to the overall success of the project.

Thank you for your consideration of these applications, consistent with applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Please notify Deidre Grant at (207) 945-0417 when a decision has been made.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator