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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write in support of the application submitted by the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) and Efficiency Maine to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program.

The funding requested by MaineDOT and Efficiency Maine will assist the State of Maine in meeting the Electric Vehicle (EV) charging requirements along federally designated Alternative Fuel Corridors. A CFI Grant will also ensure the availability of charging infrastructure beyond fuel corridors, including in rural communities, to meet the needs of residents and tourists.

The project aims to provide widespread public charging capabilities across the state and seeks to benefit individuals who lack access to home charging options, such as those residing in apartments and other multi-unit housing. If funded, the project will assist with alleviating "range anxiety" by locating chargers in neighborhoods of varying income levels and geographic locations. Federal funding for this project will help Maine maintain its role at the forefront of environmental stewardship.

Thank you for your time and effort on behalf of the Maine Department of Transportation and Efficiency Maine. I encourage your careful consideration of this application, in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations, and ask that you please notify Jordan Lawlor at (202)-224-2523, when a final decision has been made.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator