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

SUBJECT: Town of Port Deposit RAISE Grant

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

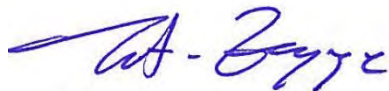
The Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) is pleased to support the Town of Port Deposit's application for a FY23 RAISE Grant to advance design of projects that will increase the Town's resiliency against the constant threat of flooding.

WILMAPCO is the regional transportation planning agency for New Castle County, Delaware and Cecil County, Maryland. As the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), WILMAPCO is charged with planning and coordinating transportation investments for the region based on federal policy, local input, technical analysis, and best practices.

WILMAPCO's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) includes goals and actions to support local municipalities to grow with sustainability and resiliency. The transportation system and other infrastructure must be planned and built wisely to lessen and withstand the stresses of climate change, such as increased heat, sea level rise, and more chronic flooding. This flood mitigation project will allow the town to improve its sustainability and will lower the impact of flooding events along the Susquehanna River.

Port Deposit is a treasured historic community in the WILMAPCO region. We strongly urge your support of the RAISE grant for Port Deposit.

Sincerely,



Tigist Zegeye
Executive Director