Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

April 12, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We write to express our full support for Anne Arundel County's application for the construction of the Parole Multi-Modal Transit Center (PTC) through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program.

The proposed PTC project at Westfield Mall in Annapolis, serving as a transportation hub for the area, would consist of ten new bus bays, redesigned bicycles and pedestrian trails, reliable access to transit, and charging infrastructure for electric and hybrid buses. The investments in transit would support daily commuters and increase ridership by adding new bus routes, reducing wait times, and connecting pedestrian and bicycle trails to transit stations.

We understand that the PTC project has strong support across the urbanized area from local residents, the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, and elected officials. The alternative modes of transportation and shift to electric vehicles, especially in our public transportation, will have a lasting impact on the development of the community.

We request your full and favorable consideration of Anne Arundel County's proposal to make significant improvements to enhance safety, reduce traffic congestion and support downtown area development while meeting multi-modal, mobility, environmental, and sustainability goals.

Sincerely,

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