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

RE: RAISE Grant Application – Highway 14 Corridor Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing encourage a RAISE grant award to the City of Marshalltown's Highway 14 Corridor RAISE Transportation Grant application. Highway 14 is a major component of the community's transportation network, making the roadway's function and access a vital tool for the economic growth of the north side of Marshalltown and the entire community.

The Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce oversees the economic development activity for Marshalltown, and we are excited to have more marketing opportunities in the next year than ever before. With the creation of a truck diversion route off of Highway 14 to our largest employer (JBS), Marshalltown is opening up a new industrial park so we can continue to grow our workforce opportunities on the north side of the community, where many workers already live. The Chamber is also pursuing site certification of a 100-acre site owned by the City in order to create a turn key parcel for a larger development. This site will primarily be accessed off of this new diversion route as well.

While industrial growth is needed to continue to provide jobs, we are also looking at redevelopment opportunities in Downtown directly off the corridor which can help support the small businesses and the entrepreneurial spirit of the community. State Street is a major east/west corridor through Downtown, and it currently has multiple open areas for sale. These areas are directly adjacent to the Highway 14 Corridor, and present a major redevelopment opportunity.

The City of Marshalltown is investing millions of dollars in the northern part of Marshalltown as a way to bring back the vitality to an area that has not seen the growth other areas of the community have experienced. Through the creation of a new industrial park and reconstruction of major intersecting streets through Downtown, Marshalltown is committed to the safe, accessible function of the transportation network, but also for the future economic expansion on and off of the Highway 14 Corridor. Marshalltown is a community committed to building back better following multiple years of disasters, and a RAISE grant award is necessary to make this happen. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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