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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg;

I am pleased to send you this letter in strong support of the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) and Efficiency Maine's application for a 2023 U.S. Department of Transportation Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant. The funding MaineDOT and Efficiency Maine have requested will assist with the following:

- Help Maine meet EV charging requirements along federally designated Alternative Fuel Corridors.
- Ensure that locations beyond fuel corridors, including disadvantaged communities, have charging infrastructure to serve residents and tourists.
- Assist Maine in meeting its goal to decrease greenhouse gas emissions 45 percent by 2030 and 80 percent by 2050 – and achieve carbon neutrality by 2045.
- Ensure that the funding received is consistent with that of other states.

This Project will equitably provide public charging throughout Maine communities, serving individuals who do not have access to it at home such as those living in apartments and other multi-unit dwellings. It will benefit disadvantaged communities by ensuring chargers are located in neighborhoods of all income levels and will greatly reduce 'range anxiety' by closing gaps between charging locations. My Administration is deeply concerned that Maine's \$14 billion tourism industry will suffer if the state is unable to make an adequate number of safe and convenient EV chargers available to tourists.

I am pleased that MaineDOT and Efficiency Maine are seeking discretionary funding from USDOT for this very important project. Maine was an early adopter of EVs and set rigorous but attainable climate improvement goals long ago. We hope USDOT is able to help the state reach these goals by ensuring everyone in our community – residents and tourists – can easily and equitably access EV charging stations.

Sincerely,

Janet T. Mills
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