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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Maine Department of Transportation's (MaineDOT) grant application for the Federal Highway Administration's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program. MaineDOT's project, the *Chargers to Promote Resilience: A Recharge Maine Community Project*, is supported by Efficiency Maine Trust and aims to deploy electric vehicle (EV) charging stations throughout Maine, particularly in areas facing climate change-related resiliency challenges.

Through the project, MaineDOT and Efficiency Maine will install 64 DC Fast Charger ports across 10 communities and at 6 hospitals. The locations, primarily near the State's numerous peninsulas and along flood-prone rivers, have increasingly faced flooding and prolonged power outages due to severe weather.

By expanding EV charging infrastructure, residents and Maine's many visitors will feel more confident about adopting EVs and the availability of power during extreme weather events. The widespread adoption of EVs is critical to reducing carbon emissions and protecting the State's natural resources from climate-related events.

I respectfully request that you give MaineDOT's application favorable consideration and grant them the funding they are seeking for this important project.

Sincerely,

Janet T. Mills
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