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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
US Department of Transportation  
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United States

Ref: RAISE Grant Award for the Southwest Oklahoma Regional Freight Plan

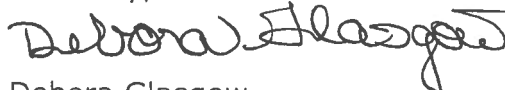
Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Respectfully, I would like to thank you for your time and consideration in reviewing the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant application by the South Western Oklahoma Development Authority (SWODA), the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), and its partners.

The RAISE grant award will provide regional freight planning assistance that will culminate with development and adoption of a regional freight plan that will guide freight investments to support the region's goals for safety, economic vitality and efficiency. This effort is a coordinated response to the increased need to study and plan efficient multi-modal freight routes at the regional level. The southwest Oklahoma region is a vital component in connecting statewide freight flows. This planning initiative enjoys broad support from the region because Southwest Oklahoma supports many robust freight-dependent industries, including oil and gas, agriculture, wind energy, and military installations.

If awarded the RAISE grant, we will develop a robust Southwest Oklahoma Regional Freight Plan making it possible for our region to further strengthen the connectivity of freight modes and prioritize and plan for investments in this important region. If awarded the funding will be spent on the approved project and will not be utilized on any project outside of what is defined in the grant application.

Sincerely,



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