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

Dear Secretary, Buttigieg,

I hope this note finds you and Chesten well, and that your new role brings rewarding challenges and great opportunities. I am writing to convey my support of an application being submitted by the City of Manchester, NH for a FY 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant for the South Millyard area of Manchester.

City Year New Hampshire partners with the Manchester School District to provide near-peer mentors at Bakersville Elementary School, located just south of the South Millyard area. The school that our corps members work in is located at a very busy intersection, which presents several safety concerns from our corps members, students, faculty, and parents.

I strongly believe that the City of Manchester’s BUILD grant proposal will not only create a safer environment for our students and corps members by mitigating and redirecting traffic volume around the school, but also positively impact the entire neighbourhood by spurring increased economic development.

The RAISE grant will provide a transformative opportunity for investment in intermodal connectivity for the movement of people and goods at the centre of Manchester. Over the past ten years the South Millyard has begun evolving into a vibrant area of mixed uses and economic growth. However, this ongoing growth is now constrained by an outdated and disconnected transportation network.

We believe the Manchester RAISE project provides an innovative approach to invest in intermodal project that will reweave the lost connections so that this central part of our community can thrive. The project will increase the flow of workers, residents, goods and services and mitigate existing extreme congestion, provide increased transportation choices and safety, create a completely new multi-modal transportation corridor and the opportunity for a Multi-Modal Transportation Hub, create opportunities for infill development of multi-use buildings and improve a major gateway intersection.

I support Manchester’s application for a FY 2021 RAISE grant and ask that you give due consideration.

Sincerely,

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