

Secretary Pete Buttigieg  
US Department of Transportation  
Washington, DC 20590

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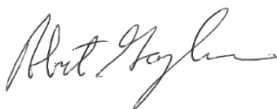
Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of BASF, I am writing to communicate my support for the City of Chattanooga as they pursue a grant through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary fund. The Chattanooga is seeking this grant to replace the 70-year old Wilcox Boulevard Bridge over the DeButts Railyard, owned and operated by Norfolk Southern Railway, and over additional tracks operated by CSX Railway. The existing structure can no longer support freight trucks or emergency vehicles, does not offer a safe passageway for pedestrians or bicyclists to cross the large rail facility, and continues to deteriorate rapidly.

A replacement structure is vital to the community and the transportation network at this location. Many of BASF's employees use the bridge daily, and it's located approximately two miles from BASF's Amnicola Drive facility. The bridge serves as an alternative route to our facility located on Polymer Drive.

Thank you for considering this project by the City of Chattanooga for a RAISE grant. I look forward to seeing a new structure with multimodal facilities at this location become a reality.

Sincerely,



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