

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

August 8, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am pleased to write this letter encouraging the full and fair consideration of the application from the Georgia Department of Transportation for United States Department of Transportation Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program funding.

If awarded, this funding will be used to remove the at-grade rail crossing on State Route 21/Millen Bypass in Millen, Georgia. When complete, this project will dramatically increase efficiency of the local transportation network for emergency vehicles, personal vehicles belonging to nearby residents, and freight movements. Further, the removal of this crossing will ameliorate the hardships and accessibility issues faced by communities on the west side of the existing crossing who cannot reach vital local services when the roadway is blocked by trains.

I encourage your full and fair consideration of this application, consistent with all agency rules and regulations. If you have any questions, please contact Tyler Hofmann-Reardon at (202) 224-3643 or [tyler\\_hofmann-reardon@warnock.senate.gov](mailto:tyler_hofmann-reardon@warnock.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



Reverend Raphael Warnock  
United States Senator