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

RE: Support for City of Cincinnati's Application for PROTECT Grant Program Funding

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write to express my full support for the City of Cincinnati's application for Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) grant program funding. The City is seeking approximately \$10 million for a series of slope stabilization and retaining wall failure mitigation projects that will reduce travel safety hazards, enhance resiliency, and improve deteriorating roadway infrastructure – particularly in historically disadvantaged communities.

Given the City's topography and an increased in extreme weather events it is facing, the City has experienced significant landslides and multiple retaining wall failures. These landslides occur across the City, resulting in significant structural damage and road closures that impede community connectivity.

With funding from the PROTECT grant program, the City hopes to improve 10 of the highest risk landslides and wall failures across nine different neighborhoods. This project is aligned with the vision of the PROTECT grant program and aims to respond to the climate crisis by improving surface transportation resiliency, public safety, and equity.

The City intends to implement a thorough stakeholder and public engagement strategy to ensure that these landslide and wall retention projects are well understood by communities throughout the City, and this will include communication with public agencies, neighborhood community councils, and individual homeowners directly impacted by landslides.

The completion of these projects will make the City's transportation infrastructure more resilient and accessible for residents' daily activities, and as such, I fully support the City of Cincinnati's proposal and application and urge full and fair consideration of the request.

Sincerely,



Greg Landsman
Member of Congress