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Honorable Peter Buttigieg  
Secretary, Department of Transportation  
Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: US Department of Transportation RAISE Grant Program  
Borough of Carteret, NJ Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We are pleased to write this letter in support of the Borough of Carteret's application to the Department of Transportation's RAISE Grant Program to construct an intermodal transportation building along the Arthur Kill.

This project is part of a larger vision to transform the Borough of Carteret's waterfront and improve transportation options for residents. The project will make it faster, less expensive, and more environmentally friendly to commute or travel between Middlesex County, NJ and New York City via the new ferry service. It will also improve public transportation options for residents and commuters, adding a new mode of transportation with the ferry service.

To date, the US government, State of New Jersey and Borough has committed millions of dollars to this project for new waterside and landside infrastructure as well as towards the acquisition of ferry boats. It is our shared goal to secure a RAISE grant to complete this project which has been decades in the making.

The proposed project will positively impact thousands of people daily and promote economic development and environmental restoration throughout the region. We hope you will approve the Borough of Carteret's application, as it will have a lasting impact on the region's transportation infrastructure for many years to come.

Sincerely,

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