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

RE: Rebuilding America Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grants Program - Borough of Carteret, New Jersey Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Please accept this letter of support for the Borough of Carteret's application to the Department of Transportation's RAISE Grant Program on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT).

NJDOT supports the Borough of Carteret's intermodal transportation building project and has previously committed \$9,463,155 in non-Federal funding to the project from its 2021 capital program and grant funding. This funding is being used for the installation of bulkheads, a floating dock, gangways and a wave attenuator as well as the construction of a parking lot and access road. NJDOT is committed to working with Carteret as a partner in completing this important project.

The intermodal transportation project will create an anchor point for three forms of public surface transportation into and out of the Borough and into New York City via a new ferry service. It will reduce carbon emissions, reduce excessive traffic problems on nearby Interstate 95/NJ Turnpike, and increase the public transit options for commuters in one of the most densely populated parts of the country.

On behalf of NJDOT, I appreciate your consideration of this application and hope you will review it favorably.

Sincerely.

Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti

Commissioner