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Secretary Pete Buttigieg
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:

I am 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.

The proposed project will positively impact thousands of people daily and promote economic development and environmental restoration throughout the region. I 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 and will support New Jersey workers who belong to the countless local unions and building trade councils that make up the New Jersey State Building & Construction Trades Council.

Sincerely,

Bernard Cooke

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