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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

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Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in regard to the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application submitted by the Oglala Sioux Tribe for the BIA 2 Rural Safety and Regional Access Project. The Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation intends to improve public safety, stimulate the regional and national economy, reduce travel time, and create jobs by reconstructing 20.7 miles of BIA Route 2, an arterial transportation corridor which stretches across the northern half of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Additionally, this project located between Kyle, South Dakota and South Dakota Highway 44, aims to improve the quality of life for the underserved residents of Oglala Lakota, Jackson, and Bennett Counties.

The current conditions of BIA Route 2 are extremely dangerous, with over 27 crashes and eight innocent lives lost just over the past decade as a result of unsafe roadway geometry. This RAISE grant will fund the planning and reconstruction of BIA Route 2 which will increase safety, economic growth, road structure resiliency, and livability throughout the region.

I strongly urge you to give full and careful consideration to the Oglala Sioux Tribe's RAISE application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dusty Johnson".

DUSTY JOHNSON
Member of Congress