

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 27, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write in support of the application submitted by City of Connellsville to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program. This RAISE funding would support the "Bridging Connellsville Alternative Transportation Into the Laurel Highlands" project, which would expand a trail system in southwestern Pennsylvania and spur tourism to the region.

Specifically, RAISE funding would support the redevelopment of the abandoned railroad bridge on U.S. Route 119, develop an urban multi-modal loop, and extend trail connectivity north and south of Connellsville to neighboring communities and nearby employment centers.

The City of Connellsville emphasized to my office that this project aims to bring significant benefits to the region by expanding safe active transportation options between communities, stimulating business growth in the city, and attracting tourism to Connellsville Township and the city's East Side business district.

This is a critical project that would greatly benefit the City of Connellsville and the region. I urge you to give the application full and fair consideration. Feel free to contact my office (202) 224-4254 if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John Fetterman', with a large, stylized initial 'J' and 'F'.

John Fetterman
United States Senator