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Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Yuma County Arizona's RAISE Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

As a member of Congress, I would like to express my support for Yuma County's application for The Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant of \$18 million for the extension of Avenue E from State Route 195 North to connect to US Highway 95.

The proposed project will include construction of a North-South roadway connecting the cities of Somerton and San Luis in the State of Arizona. This will result in a significant reduction of travel distances and time by mitigating the current circuitous routes through the central business districts of the two cities. In addition, the project will reduce the number of miles of US 95 and SR 195 that operate at poor levels of service during peak periods. This reduction in congestion will also reduce the potential for accidents and improve safety in Yuma County's transportation system.

The extension of Avenue E will improve the region's competitiveness by providing direct access to the San Luis II Port of Entry for commercial vehicles crossing billions of dollars of trade between the U.S. and Mexico. Moreover, it will create a shorter and more efficient route between Yuma's International Airport and the San Luis II Commercial Port of Entry. This route will greatly improve the access to Rolle Air Field for general aviation and future commercial services as well.

Thank you for your diligent consideration of this request. Please adhere to all rules and regulations when addressing this matter and please let me know if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.", with a large, stylized initial "P" that loops around the first part of the name.

Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.
Member of Congress

CC: Yuma County Board of Supervisors
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