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February 22, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write today regarding the City of Suffolk's proposal for funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program for the Suffolk Seaboard Coastline Trail, Phase 3C Project.

The Suffolk Seaboard Coastline Trail, Phase 3C project will continue to connect the existing eastern and western segments of the trail, to create a continuous off-road trail from downtown Suffolk to their eastern border. The Suffolk Seaboard Coastline Trail serves as part of a larger trail system to include the Beaches to Bluegrass Trail, South Hampton Roads Trail, East Coast Greenway Trail, and the Birthplace of America Trail. Opportunities to access safe pedestrian pathways have significant health benefits to those that utilize them and can foster further economic development. The City of Suffolk recognizes the importance of safe recreation for their citizens and those touring trails within eastern Virginia, thereby promoting the City's and Region's commitment to healthy and active communities.

For these reasons, among others, I believe that funding this project would greatly benefit my constituents. I respectfully request that the City of Suffolk's application for the RAISE Grant Program receives your full and fair consideration. If you have questions, please contact my office. Thank you for your time and attention to my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J.A. Kiggans', written over a horizontal line.

Jen Kiggans
Member of Congress