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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express my interest in Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation's (DRPT) application for the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Corridor Identification and Development (CID) Program for the rail corridor between Washington, D.C. through Bristol, Virginia.

In preparing this application, DRPT cited many factors contributing to the need for acceptance of this rail corridor into the CID program, which would greatly benefit transportation needs in my congressional district. The Washington, D.C. through Bristol, VA corridor will encompass existing state-sponsored passenger rail service between Washington, D.C. and Roanoke, VA, planned expansion to the New River Valley region, and future expansion through Bristol, VA. I ask that you give this application your most thoughtful and serious consideration.

I would very much appreciate it if you would acknowledge receipt of this letter and keep me apprised of your action regarding this application when review is complete.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you. I remain

Sincerely yours,

H. MORGAN GRIFFITH
Member of Congress