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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 9, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write in support of the application submitted by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of York (RACY) to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) funding for the Codorus Greenway Project. I urge you to give this application full and fair consideration.

If funded, it is my understanding that the \$15-million Codorus Greenway Project will reconnect historically marginalized communities to economic opportunities and will provide an accessible and equitable multimodal transportation choice for those without vehicles to better access jobs, services, and recreation. By connecting to neighboring trails, including the including the Heritage Rail Trail, the September 11th National Memorial Trail, and East Coast Greenway, the project will also strengthen the region's active transportation and trail network. I am told this project will be transformative for the City of York, York County and the entire South Central Pennsylvania region.

It is my understanding that the census tracts included in the project area are some of the most densely populated and have unfortunately experienced some of the highest rates of poverty in the County of York. This project looks to actively improve access and opportunities for the communities by providing a designated pedestrian and bike path that connects to the rabbittransit York Transfer Center, to job opportunities located in downtown York City, and to the Heritage Rail Trail, which is in itself a 27-mile accessible recreational amenity. I also understand that the sections of York along this route are some of the neighborhoods with the highest rates of residents without vehicles, making this greenway especially important.

The project will also have significant environmental benefits for the City of York and the broader region. I am told that the improvements planned in this project will assist York County in meeting sediment and nutrient reduction goals, assist in mitigating the impact of storm water runoff in the City of York, and improve water quality in the Codorus Creek and in the downstream portion of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. These improvements will also make the City of York more climate-resilient by reducing the impact of a 100-year flooding event on the properties along the banks of the creek and the city.

Given its multitude of expected benefits, regional stakeholders have made this project a priority, seeking multiple sources of funding to make the Greenway a reality. I understand that RACY will match the \$15 million requested in the RAISE application with \$15 million obtained from state and local grants as well as private donors. I understand that a RAISE award is the next critical funding component to move this project forward.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration. Please include this letter in the official record of the application. Consistent with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, I also respectfully request that you keep me informed of the status of this grant application. Finally, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me or my staff at (202) 224-6851.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Casey, Jr. United States Senator

Bob Carey



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 30, 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 the Redevelopment Authority of the County of York (RACY) for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program. The RAISE funding would support RACY's Codorus Greenway Project.

Codorus Creek flows through the heart of the City of York. Historically, the creek provided drinking water to the people of York and powered the water wheels that made York County a manufacturing powerhouse in the 18th century. The Codorus Greenway Project aims to once again capitalize on the economic, recreational, and transportation potential that the Codorus Creek brings. The project will transform the area by improving public access to the creek and bringing economic opportunities to the people of York. The project will also provide multiple environmental benefits to the City of York, York County, and the broader region.

The census tracts within and adjacent to the project area include some of the most densely populated regions in the county, including those that have experienced some of the highest rates of persistent poverty. The Codorus Greenway Project will provide a designated pedestrian and bike path that connects to the region's mass transit through the York Transfer Center, job opportunities and essential services located in downtown York City, and to the York County Heritage Rail Trail which provides an accessible recreational amenity that spans 27 miles.

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

I'm confident that with the help of RAISE funding, the Codorus Greenway Project will have a strong and lasting impact on York County and the broader 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,

John Fetterman

United States Senator

Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

February 5, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Please accept this as my support for the Redevelopment Authority of the County of York (RACY) application for the 2024 grant round of the RAISE program administered by the Department. RACY is applying this year for \$15 million in funding to advance the Codorus Greenway Project.

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The project also would have significant environmental benefits for the City of York and beyond. The planned improvements would assist York County in meeting sediment reduction efforts will help mitigate the impact of stormwater runoff in the City of York and will improve water quality in the Codorus Creek and in the area generally. These improvements have the added benefit of making the City of York safer by reducing the impact of a 100-year flooding event on the properties along the banks of the Creek and City.

Furthermore, the project aligns with York County's Economic Action Plan, meets the RAISE Grant merit criteria, and will create lasting benefits in the community. RACY will match the \$15 million requested in the RAISE application with \$15 million obtained from state and local grants, as well as private donors.

With the help of RAISE funding, the Codorus Greenway project will have a strong and lasting impact on the City of York and surrounding communities. I appreciate your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully.

Member of Congress

10th District, Pennsylvania

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January 31, 2024

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

Dear Secretary, Buttigieg,

We write to you today to ask for your support of the Redevelopment Authority of the County of York's (RACY) application for the 2024 grant round of the **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)** program administered by the United States Department of Transportation. RACY is applying this year for \$15 million in funding to advance the Codorus Greenway Project.

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We are confident that with the help of RAISE funding, the Codorus Greenway Project will have a strong and lasting impact on the City of York and the broader community. Thank you for your consideration of RACY's application.

Sincerely,

Julie Wheeler, President

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January 25, 2024

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

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Jeffrey L. Rehmeyer II Solicitor Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write to you today to ask for your support of the Redevelopment Authority of the County of York (RACY)'s application for the 2024 **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)** program in the amount of \$15 million from the United States Department of Transportation to advance the Codorus Greenway Project.

The Codorus Creek flows through the heart of the City of York connecting the legacy of the one-time Capital of the United States to the historic Downtown York of today. The creek provided drinking water and powered the water wheels that propelled York County to prosperity as a manufacturing center in the 18th century. In 1907, the York Municipal League commissioned the famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead to plan a park along the banks of the Codorus Creek. Over a hundred years later, the Codorus Greenway Project seeks to once again capitalize on the area's economic, recreational, and transportation potential.

The census tracts included in the project area are some of the most densely populated in York County and continue to experience some of the highest rates of persistent poverty. The project will reconnect historically marginalized communities to economic opportunities by providing an accessible and equitable multimodal transportation choice for those without cars to better access jobs, services, and recreation.

In specific, the Codorus Greenway Project will reconnect these communities to economic opportunities by providing a designated pedestrian and bike path that connects to York's mass transit transfer center, job opportunities and essential services located in downtown York City, as well as to the Heritage Rail Trail which provides an accessible recreational amenity that spans 27 miles.

Additionally, the Codorus Greenway Project will connect to regional active transportation and trail networks beyond the Heritage Rail Trail, including the September 11th National Memorial Trail, and East Coast Greenway. The benefits of this project are transformative for the City of York, York County, and the region beyond.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration of RACY's application.

Sincerely,

Felicia Dell, AICP

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Director

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January 18, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write to you today to ask for your support of the Redevelopment Authority of the County of York (RACY)'s application for the 2024 grant round of the **Rebuilding American**Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program administered by from the United States Department of Transportation. RACY is applying this year for \$15 million in funding to advance the Codorus Greenway Project.

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Regards,

Carol Hill-Evans

State Representative 95th Legislative District

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January 30, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We, the members of York City Council, write to you today to ask for your support of the Redevelopment Authority of the County of York (RACY)'s application for the 2024 grant round of the **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)** program administered by the United States Department of Transportation. RACY is applying this year for \$15 million in funding to advance the Codorus Greenway Project.

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The Honorable Michael R. Helfrich, Mayor



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January 29, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write to you today to ask for your support of the Redevelopment Authority of the County of York (RACY)'s application for the 2024 grant round of the **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)** program administered by the United States Department of Transportation. RACY is applying this year for \$15 million in funding to advance the Codorus Greenway Project.

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Mileful Michael R. Helfrich

Mayor

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February 06, 2024

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Regards,
Signature Andrea Berry Brown
Andrea Berry Brown Printed Name
Superintendent
School District of the City of York Organization



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February 7, 2024

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

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Regards,

Richard Farr

Executive Director



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January 25, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

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The benefits of this project are transformative for the City of York, York County, and the region beyond. The project will reconnect historically marginalized communities to economic opportunities. It will provide an accessible and equitable multimodal transportation choice for those without cars to better access jobs, services, and recreation. Additionally, the Codorus Greenway Project will connect to regional active transportation and trail networks, including the York County Heritage Rail Trail, the September 11th National Memorial Trail, and the East Coast Greenway.

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the City of York more climate resilient by reducing the impact of a 100-year flooding event on the properties along the banks of the creek and the city.

Furthermore, the project aligns with York County's Economic Action Plan, meets the RAISE Grant merit criteria, and will create lasting benefits in the community. RACY will match the \$15 million requested in the RAISE application with \$15 million obtained from state and local grants, as well as private donors.

I am confident that, with the help of RAISE funding, the Codorus Greenway project will have a strong and lasting impact on the City of York and the broader community. Thank you for your consideration of RACY's application.

Sincerely,

-DocuSigned by:

Regina S. Mitchell Regina S. Mitchell Executive Director /kpab



Thomas D. Burns, Ph.D. *President*

February 2, 2024

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