

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1502**

June 25, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write to you regarding the City of Clinton's application for federal funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program for their Drive to Prosperity: Manufacturing Drive/Bluff Boulevard Reconstruction project. Please give their application due consideration under all applicable rules and laws.

According to the project sponsors, the proposed project will enhance access to essential healthcare services, provide a safe route for students from Clinton STEM Academy's Campus to the high school, bolster pedestrian and bicyclist amenities, and support increased community vibrancy and better health outcomes. This roadway is an important component to Clinton's infrastructure, connecting the north and south parts of the community. The nearly 100-year-old roadway is now stressed with capacity constraints and has seen nearly 400 crashes between 2015-2019 alone, in addition to severe flooding incidents over the last few years. This project includes the complete reconstruction of Manufacturing Drive and Bluff Boulevard from US Route 30 to 7th Avenue North. It includes numerous safety and environmental improvements to bring this road up to a good state of repair.

For these reasons and those further described in their grant application, I would appreciate your full and fair consideration of the City of Clinton for the RAISE grant program. If you have any questions, please reach out to Caroline Bender at (202) 225-6576 or at [caroline.bender@mail.house.gov](mailto:caroline.bender@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,



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