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February 21, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

This letter comes in recommendation of the City of Republic, MO and their application for a RAISE Discretionary grant for the expansion of the Highway MM corridor. Convoy of Hope has centered its Global Headquarters & Training Center and World Distribution Center in Republic and is investing in the continued expansion of our campus. Convoy serves as a leader in disaster response, feeds over 500,000 children daily, trains thousands of mothers and farmers, and serves millions of people worldwide. A key component to delivering help and hope to those in need is our fleet of semi-trucks and disaster response vehicles. An estimated 4,300 semi-trucks came in or out of our World Distribution Center in 2022.

The expansion of lanes on Highway MM, specifically those connecting Interstate 44 to US Highway 60, will enable our fleet to navigate the growing truck and commuter traffic more safely and respond to needs more quickly. As both the City of Republic and Convoy of Hope are in seasons of exponential growth, this project has the potential to create lasting impacts at both regional and international levels.

We support the City of Republic in this project and look forward to an improved transportation network in the region.

Sincerely,

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