



May 2, 2022

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Please accept this letter as support for the FIX I-44 transportation project that will include improvements to the intersection of Interstate 44 and North Kansas Expressway (Missouri Highway 13).

As Executive Director of the Economic Development Alliance – Bolivar & Polk County, our organization exists to provide a focused approach to business retention and expansion, workforce development, small business and entrepreneurial development and business / industry attraction. We rely heavily on a strong transportation system to accomplish these goals; therefore an efficient and safe traffic route is critical to our community.

With improvements to the above location, the likelihood for positive Economic Development growth would strengthen, and the safety for all citizens would increase.

Thank you for your consideration to improving this designated roadway which would provide a benefit for all of the Southwest Region.

Sincerely,

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