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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to share my support for the proposed improvements being proposed by the FIX I-44 project to improve traffic flow at the intersection of Interstate 44 and North Kansas Expressway (Missouri Highway 13) in Springfield.

As the President of the Board of Directors for the Industrial Development Authority of Bolivar, I would like to encourage the U.S. Department of Transportation to sincerely consider the approval of the FIX I-44 project for the Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant opportunity, including INFRA and MEGA.

The Industrial Development Authority of Bolivar, MO seeks out opportunities to improve the quality of life for not only the residents of Bolivar but also all of Polk County.

These improvements would be a step in the right direction in accomplishing that and would be a great opportunity to encourage the growth in economic development in our area, as well.

Being positioned just a short drive from Springfield; the Bolivar Business Park could be just the right place for the next expansion or relocation of a large corporation, bringing in new jobs and potentially new residents. Polk County and Bolivar offer small town living yet is still close enough to the many cultural experiences available in Springfield.

Once again, I pledge my support for these improvements to a very important intersection to our area.

Feel free to contact me.

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