

EASTERN UPPER PENINSULA REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

April 8, 2022

US Department of Transportation

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Date

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the EUP Regional Planning & Development Commission we offer this letter in strong support for the City of Sault Ste. Marie and their RAISE grant application to improve Easterday Avenue.

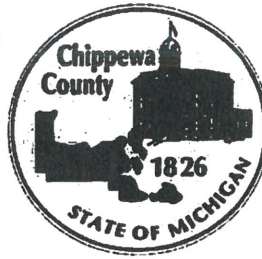
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Sincerely,

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April 14, 2022

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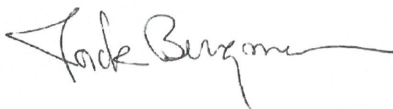
Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am requesting your full and fair consideration of the City of Sault Ste. Marie's application for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program.

The city's project is intended to aid the restoration of Easterday Avenue, a street that links Interstate-75 with the Carbide Dock Port. It should also be noted that the connection of Easterday Avenue to the Carbide Dock provides important access for the community during the ongoing construction at the Soo Locks. This critical connecting road requires structural repairs and also faces aging water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure. The RAISE grant funding requested by this application would cover the cost of this construction and enable pedestrian and cyclist improvements to the curb and gutter system, opening the roadway to residents and businesses in the vicinity.

I strongly encourage you to fully review the City of Sault Ste. Marie's application. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Jack Bergman
Member of Congress





LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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Wayne Schmidt
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37th District



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Dr. Aaron A. Payment, Tribal Chairperson



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Owner



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United States Senate

April 15, 2022

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Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express my support for the City of Sault Ste. Marie and their grant application to the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program.

The City of Sault Ste. Marie is requesting funds to make improvements on Easterday Avenue, a major roadway within the city. It connects Interstate I-75 to the Sault Ste. Marie Carbide Dock, where barges traveling through the Soo Locks unload essential commodities. These materials are then loaded onto trucks that deliver goods across our State and region.

This project is of critical importance to the city, as Easterday Avenue does not currently meet the city's all-season standards and is past its service life. This project proposes to reconstruct the road, while also making updates to the underlying water, sewer and storm water infrastructure. These updates will allow for more dependable use all year long which is beneficial to area residents and businesses.

This project will also support the ongoing work to improve the Soo Locks. Upgrades to this important transportation route will benefit operations at the Carbide Dock and play a part in creating a more efficient domestic supply chain.

I am confident that the City of Sault Ste. Marie's application will receive appropriate consideration. If I may be of any further assistance, please contact Doug Lindblom in my Marquette office at (906) 369-3984. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Gary C. Peters
United States Senator