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Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

**RE: Gateway 228 – Mars RR Bridge Extension Project  
Butler County, Pennsylvania**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing on behalf of the Butler County Council of Governments to express our strong support for the Mars Railroad Bridge Extension Project and the associated funding request through the United States Department of Transportation's FY 2025-2026 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (MPDG) program.

As an association of Butler County townships and boroughs, the Butler County Council of Governments works cooperatively to reduce costs and provide better municipal government for our residents and businesses. Through collaborative efforts, we aim to address common challenges, share resources, and implement solutions that benefit our communities as a whole.

The completion of the Mars Railroad Bridge Extension Project is of paramount importance for enhancing transportation infrastructure in Butler County and improving connectivity between our municipalities. By addressing critical transportation challenges and promoting infrastructure development, this project will facilitate safer, more efficient travel for residents and businesses alike.

Furthermore, the Mars Railroad Bridge Extension Project aligns seamlessly with the mission of the Butler County Council of Governments to reduce costs and provide better municipal government. By investing in transportation infrastructure, we can enhance the quality of life for our residents, support economic development, and promote overall prosperity in our communities.

Therefore, we fully endorse the funding request for the Mars Railroad Bridge Extension Project and urge your favorable consideration. The successful completion of this project will not only benefit our residents and businesses but will also contribute to the continued growth and success of Butler County as a whole.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you require any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachel Altman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rachel Altman