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Secretary Peter Paul Montgomery Buttigieg United States Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am the owner of several properties located within the McGilchrist Street corridor. We have been made aware of the proposed RAISE grant program to improve the corridor through implementation of the *McGilchrist Complete Street* project. As an existing property owner and one who has an interest in continued and future redevelopment opportunities, the potential public investment into our existing transportation corridor will provide the necessary infrastructure improvements to accommodate future growth opportunities.

The primary obstacle to development in the McGilchrist area is the poor condition of McGilchrist Street which lacks sufficient width to safely accommodate current traffic volumes, freight movement, people walking and bicycling, as well as storm water drainage. Once constructed, the McGilchrist Complete Street project will allow use of the corridor to support economic development in a sustainable manner.

I, along with several other property owners, that I have represented for many years, enthusiastically support the RAISE grant application for the *McGilchrist Complete Street* project as a critical component of our redevelopment effort.

We look forward to seeing the *McGilchrist Complete Street* project come to fruition and support the efforts of the City of Salem.

As we have discussed for many years, we need the improvement of what is a primary industrial arterial for the City.

Sincerely,

Nathan J. Levin