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**Tim Schaffer**  
State Senator  
20th District

June 4, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I would like to express my support for the joint City of Columbus and Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) INFRA grant application for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project.

Columbus Crossroads is an important project in the Greater Central Ohio area that impacts residents and commuters well beyond the city limits of Columbus, Ohio. This is a massive, multi-phase project that is a significant investment from the City of Columbus and the State of Ohio at \$1.3 billion with Phase 4 being estimated to cost approximately \$230 million. These dollars will go toward the physical overlap of I-70 and I-71 focusing on the freeway mainline, but will also improve surrounding surface streets and the bridges spanning nearby.

The Columbus Crossroads project will make significant improvements to the I-70/I-71 corridors and is one of the major and key Interstate Highway corridors in the state of Ohio. There are many commuters from several parts of my district that are directly impacted by this project and may benefit from the Phase 4 project being fully funded and completed in a timely manner.

Therefore, I hope that you will give the City of Columbus and ODOT INFRA application full and fair consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Schaffer".

Tim Schaffer  
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