



February 21, 2023

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

RE: Letter of support – RAISE Grant Application, City of Heath - Thornwood Corridor

Dear Secretary Buttigieg;

GROW Licking County is pleased to provide a letter of support for the City of Heath’s RAISE Grant application. Funding for this project will support needed safety improvements, increased mobility and community connectivity, and it will increase our county’s economic development competitiveness and opportunities.

The City of Heath has been working in collaboratively with the City of Newark, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, the Licking County Area Transportation Study, and the Licking County Transportation Improvement District to upgrade this essential corridor.

The Thornwood Corridor is an important north-south connector in Licking County; at its peak performance it will provide transit for thousands of people and billions of dollars of goods from surrounding businesses.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 740.334.7803 or by email at alexisf@growlickingcounty.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alexis A Fitzsimmons". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Alexis A Fitzsimmons
Executive Director