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

RE: Letter of Support - City of Heath, Thornwood Drive

Dear Secretary Buttugieg:

I am 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, mobility, community connectivity, and 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 corridor is an important north-south connector in Licking County, at its peak performance this corridor will provide transit for people and billions of dollars of goods from surrounding businesses.

Thank you for considering this project application for FY 2023 RAISE grant funding. I appreciate the opportunity to support the City of Heath in their efforts to complete this project and ask for your full and fair consideration of their application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Knerr".

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