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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:

As Chief of Police for the Adams Township Police Department, I am writing to express our unwavering support for the Gateway 228 – Mars Railroad Bridge Extension Project and the urgent need for funding through the United States Department of Transportation's FY 2025-2026 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (MPDG) program. This Project is paramount for the safety and well-being of our community members, particularly our students, and addressing the concerning safety and congestion issues along this vital corridor.

Covering 26.4 miles of crucial roadway improvements across seven municipalities in Butler County, Pennsylvania, the Gateway 228 Project is a critical infrastructure initiative. However, the final segment, the Mars Railroad Bridge Extension, is particularly vital for ensuring safe access to numerous public schools. As law enforcement officials, safeguarding the students at the Mars Area School District is one of our highest priorities. Unfortunately, the current configuration of Route 228 poses significant risks to our students as they commute to and from school each day.

Route 228 serves as the main access route to Adams Township, a rural community situated in southern Butler County. Given its status as the primary transportation artery through our Township, Route 228 plays a pivotal role in the socio-economic development of Adams. The funding application under consideration will not only enhance safety and increase capacity along Route 228 but will also facilitate improved access to rural neighborhoods along the corridor. These enhancements are crucial for fostering new development opportunities, including attracting new businesses to Adams Township.

Investing in Route 228 carries profound implications, ranging from job creation and economic growth to improved accessibility for previously isolated regions within our community. We wholeheartedly support this pivotal transportation initiative and urge your favorable consideration. Should you have any inquiries or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Shawn T. Anglum, Chief of Police
Adams Township Police Department

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