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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write today in support of the application submitted by the City of Bethlehem to the Safe Streets for All grant program established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. I urge you to give this application full and fair consideration.

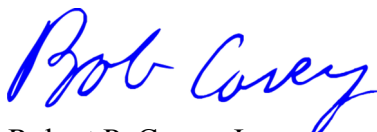
The City of Bethlehem is located in Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley, which is one of the fastest growing regions on the East Coast. As the population has grown, the local transportation network has had to accommodate more vehicles, which the City tells me has created concerns about road safety, especially for cyclists and pedestrians. I understand that this is especially true of Broad Street, which is a major corridor in downtown Bethlehem.

The City of Bethlehem has told me that it intends to make Broad Street safer for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians alike through intersection improvements, protected bikes lanes and better public transit infrastructure. I am informed that these proposals are in line with both Bethlehem's Vision Zero plan and the Broad Street Active Transportation Plan.

I am told that the City has brought together a broad array of partners in support of this project, which it has stressed is vital for local safety and community development. I understand that federal funding through the Safe Streets for All program will be vital for bringing this project to life and ensuring better safety for all road users along Broad Street.

Thank you in advance for consideration of my views. Please include this letter in the official record of the application. Consistent with applicable laws, rules and regulations, I also respectfully request that you keep me informed of the status of this grant application. Finally, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me or my staff at (202) 224-6851.

Sincerely,



Robert P. Casey, Jr.  
United States Senator