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The Honorable Roger Wicker
Chairman
Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member
Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Wicker and Ranking Member Cantwell:

On behalf of the American Trucking Associations (ATA), I write to offer my full support for the nomination of Pete Buttigieg to be Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

As the former chief executive of a city that sits at the crossroads of our country, Mayor Buttigieg knows well that transportation is an issue that touches all Americans. Having served as the mayor of South Bend, Indiana, Pete Buttigieg has had an up close and personal look at how our infrastructure problems are impacting Americans and how important it is to solve them. During his tenure in local government, Mr. Buttigieg spearheaded numerous infrastructure projects and transportation initiatives aimed at bolstering economic development and improving road safety. His record of success in South Bend inspires confidence that he will bring the same drive to the DOT.

Mr. Buttigieg's bold ambitions to invest in infrastructure as a means to reinvigorate a pandemic-stricken economy, create jobs and restore our nation's deteriorating roads and bridges make clear his commitment to forward-leaning solutions to longstanding problems. Given the severity of our nation's surface transportation safety, maintenance and capacity needs, ATA is encouraged by Mr. Buttigieg's expressed intention to shepherd a robust infrastructure agenda. Ultimately, a well-maintained and reliable transportation network is crucial to the delivery of the nation's freight and vital to our country's economic and social well-being.

ATA believes that Mr. Buttigieg will make an excellent Transportation Secretary and urges the Committee to swiftly report the nomination favorably to the full Senate for consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris Spear
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The American Trucking Associations