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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in support of the application submitted by Colorado State University–Pueblo (CSU-Pueblo) to the Federal Railroad Administration’s Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement Program. If awarded, CSU-Pueblo's Southern Institute of Transportation Technology will lead the "*Hyperloop Safety Test Bench*" project.

In collaboration with the Department of Transportation’s Federal Railroad Administration's Transportation Technology Center (USDOT-FRA-TCC), the Hyperloop Safety Test Bench aims to advance alternative rail transportation technologies and meet the Department of Transportation’s greenhouse gas reduction goals. The project will further the ability to test and demonstrate new transport technologies, support workforce development for unemployed and displaced workers, and prepare the industry for cleaner fuel options. Components of the proposed project are already underway, including collaboration with industries interested in leveraging the project to facilitate their input into future assessments of hyperloop magnetic levitation technologies at the USDOT-FRA-TTC federally-funded facility.

I encourage you to give CSU-Pueblo's application your full and fair consideration under all applicable laws, as I give it my highest support. Thank you for your review, and please notify my office of any funds awarded.

Sincerely,



John Hickenlooper
United States Senator