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July 12, 2021

The Honorable Peter Buttigieg
Secretary, US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, District of Columbia 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Howard County Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) is a business organization comprised of small businesses, corporations, non-profits, and governmental agencies all working together for the betterment of the Howard County business community. The Chamber's work is focused in three areas: People, Policy, and Prosperity. It is in the spirit of economic prosperity that I come to you at this time. The Chamber fully supports the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Aviation Administration's (MDOT MAA) application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant to help fund the BWI Marshall Airport Roadway, Multi-Modal and Cargo Modernization Planning Study.

The BWI Marshall Airport Roadway, Multi-Modal and Cargo Modernization Planning Study is needed to adapt and modernize airport infrastructure and surrounding county and state roadways to meet changing airport public and employee transportation needs, as well as to address evolving opportunities as they relate to air cargo and multi-modal surface delivery logistics. Landside, roadway, and cargo area concepts would be developed to address capacity needs and optimize airport traveler experience, while achieving regional and local objectives of improving safety, reducing emissions, minimizing environmental impacts, and improving access to employment opportunities.

The Study would include an investment roadmap, developed in close collaboration with agency partners and local stakeholders, to maximize the potential and economic health of the region and the State of Maryland in an equitable, resilient, and sustainable manner. The Planning Study aligns with MDOT MAA's mission to "foster the vitality of aviation statewide and promote safe and efficient operations, economic viability, and environmental stewardship," and would demonstrate a commitment to the U.S. DOT's objectives of safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, economic competitiveness, state of good repair, innovation, and partnership.

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The Chamber looks forward to working as a stakeholder with MDOT MAA on the BWI Marshall Airport Roadway, Multi-Modal and Cargo Modernization Planning Study, and thank you for your consideration of investment in this important planning initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leonardo McClarty". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "L".

Leonardo McClarty, CCE
President/CEO, Howard County Chamber