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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write to express my support for the Maryland Aviation Administration's (MAA) application for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program funding for the BWI Marshall Airport Multi-Modal Ground Transportation Center & Automated People Mover Planning Study.

With an average of 74,000 passengers flying through each day, BWI Marshall Airport is one of the busiest airports in the United States, and the busiest in the Washington-Baltimore region. Passenger traffic is increasing every year, and this trend is only expected to continue. But while continued passenger growth could be a very positive development for the state of Maryland, it is clear that without substantial improvements to the infrastructure and efficiency of the airport, our state will not be able to reap all of the potential benefits.

The overarching goal of this planning study is to develop concepts for a new ground transportation center and automated people mover at BWI Marshall Airport that both address growing capacity needs and enhance the traveler experience, while also making the airport a safer, more climate-resilient, and more desirable place to travel and work.

My Administration is committed to leaving no one behind. This planning study—which would include an investment roadmap with equity, resilience, and sustainability at its core—represents a critical step towards achieving this goal by modernizing airport infrastructure, streamlining the passenger journey to and from BWI Marshall Airport, and improving employment and visitor access at and surrounding the airport. It would also help address the changing transportation needs of passengers and airport employees alike and provide an opportunity to place the airport on the cutting edge of transportation, mobility, and climate technology.

Your full consideration of MAA's application is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Moore', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Wes Moore
Governor of Maryland