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Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Support of Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant application for completion of the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor Project.

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the University of California, Santa Barbara, I am writing in support of SBCAG's INFRA program grant application to complete funding for the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor project.

The University of California, Santa Barbara is a billion-dollar public-serving enterprise and the largest employer in Santa Barbara County. Our staff, faculty, students, and visitors rely on the U.S. 101 to get to campus to do their work, access higher education, and conduct research that is vital at the federal, state, and local level.

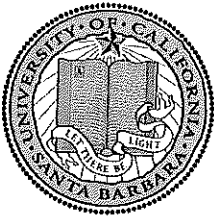
The U.S. 101 corridor is the only major highway connecting the Central Coast to both Northern and Southern California. SBCAG's INFRA project includes the most critical portion of U.S. 101 along the Central Coast, as it is the only designated Critical Urban Freight Corridor (CUFC) in the region. Multiple regional and state plans and strategies recognize the importance of improving the corridor as one of California's top priorities.

I firmly believe the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor project will have a significant impact on the UC Santa Barbara community and will benefit the residents and businesses in Santa Barbara County, the Central Coast region, the State of California, and the nation. For these reasons, I strongly support SBCAG's INFRA program grant application and urge your full consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Longbrake".

John Longbrake
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