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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

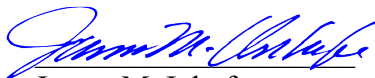
Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We are pleased to express our strong support of the Ardmore Development Authority's application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. This grant will support the construction of a global air cargo facility at the Ardmore Municipal Airport.

Ardmore Airport has the longest runway of any non-commercial airport in Oklahoma. Leveraging this unique asset, the surrounding region is building a Global Transportation and Industrial Park in Ardmore to create an international air cargo hub. The construction of a new international air cargo facility at the Ardmore Airport will help diversify the economy of Southeast Oklahoma. This investment in new commercial capacity will draw economic activity and jobs to the region by providing a low-cost, centrally-located alternative destination to the existing over-crowded air cargo handling facilities in the Midwest.

This project has the full support of state and local stakeholders, including the State of Oklahoma, City of Ardmore, and Carter County, among others. The RAISE program is designed to provide new opportunities for underserved areas, and Ardmore's application is the ideal example of the type of project RAISE was designed to support. We urge your strong consideration of this application. Please contact Victor Sarmiento (202-224-4721 or Victor_Sarmiento@inhofe.senate.gov) on my staff for further assistance.

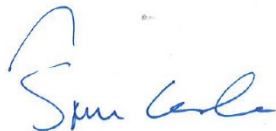
Sincerely,



James M. Inhofe
United States Senator



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United States Senator



Tom Cole
Member of Congress