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Ardmore Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
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Ardmore, Oklahoma 73401

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590
United States

RE: FY 21 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and
Equity (RAISE) Grant

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Please accept this letter as my formal support for the Global Transportation and Industrial Park (GTIP) in Ardmore, Oklahoma to be located within the Ardmore Municipal Airport. Furthermore, our business and industry partners enjoy a confident, productive relationship with the Ardmore Development Authority.

Our community appreciates funding assistance toward developing the necessary infrastructure to transform the Ardmore Industrial Airpark into a global transportation and logistics asset. Our recent economic impact analysis and corresponding feasibility studies estimate up to 18,000 new jobs and the potential for a \$3.8 billion impact for rural communities in an economically distressed part of our state. This will have unparalleled benefit to families and employers, such as ours, both directly and indirectly.

On behalf of the Ardmore Chamber of Commerce and the 48,000 citizens of Carter County, Oklahoma, I respectfully request your strong consideration to the Ardmore Development Authority's request for funding support for the realization of the GTIP at the Ardmore Municipal (Industrial) Airpark. Thank you in advance for your partnership.

Sincerely,

Les Brown, Chair
Ardmore Chamber of Commerce

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