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July 8, 2021

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

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. Our business and industry partners enjoy a confident, productive relationship with the Ardmore Development Authority.

Our region 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 regional impact for communities in a rural economically distressed part of our state. This will have unparalleled benefit to families and employers, both directly and indirectly.

On behalf of Oklahoma Senate District 14 and the 82,000 citizens that call it home, I respectfully request your strong consideration to the Ardmore Development Authority's request for funding support of the realization of the GTIP at the Ardmore Industrial Airpark. Thank you in advance for your partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "F. Simpson".

Senator Frank Simpson
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