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

Re: Advancing Electrification for All in San Joaquin County – Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write in support of the Advancing Electrification for All in San Joaquin County project, submitted by San Joaquin Council of Governments and the Housing Authority of San Joaquin, for the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Grant.

This project seeks to expand the availability of public-facing, car-share charging infrastructure in San Joaquin County by installing seventy-four Level 2 chargers and forty DC fast chargers at twenty locations across the County. The proposed project advances investment in historically disadvantaged communities, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and encourages the use of alternative fueled vehicles. Further, by focusing on sites which serve low-income individuals, this project advances the goals and intent of the Justice 40 initiative. This countywide expansion will ensure a connected, well-functioning network with access to important everyday destinations, such as schools, jobs, health care, groceries, and so much more.

During community meetings, residents identified access to reliable transportation as their greatest barrier when it comes to achieving self-sufficiency. The Advancing Electrification for All project removes such obstacles in disadvantaged communities by targeting municipal sites, especially in rural communities, adjacent to affordable housing, neighborhoods, parks, and retail. In this economically challenged region, the transition to clean air and well-paying green economy jobs will not happen without dedicated investment. This CFI grant opportunity will provide the necessary funding to allow the San Joaquin region to expand current efforts to improve air quality as well as bring jobs and economic opportunity to its residents.

I request your full and fair consideration of this application consistent with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

Sincerely,



Josh Harder
Member of Congress