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The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Chairwoman
Committee on Commerce, Science,
And Transportation
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Roger Wicker
Ranking Member
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And Transportation
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Dear Chairwoman Cantwell and Ranking Member Wicker:

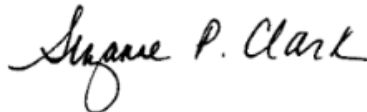
The U.S. Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the nomination of Pete Buttigieg to be Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

As a former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, Mr. Buttigieg has valuable experience that will be instrumental in confronting the challenges and opportunities of modernizing America's infrastructure. While Mayor, his city won top honors in a 2016 "Smart Streets" challenge and he has a track record of advocating for improving America's infrastructure.

Addressing America's transportation infrastructure is a shared responsibility between federal, state and local governments. Mr. Buttigieg has first-hand knowledge of that relationship and would bring those insights to improve the coordination and outcomes on improving America's transportation networks.

Thank you for scheduling the January 21 hearing on the nomination, and for continuing the Committee's strong track record of bipartisan, expeditious action on this critical cabinet position. We look forward to prompt action in moving this nomination forward.

Sincerely,



Suzanne P. Clark

cc: Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation