

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

April 12, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We write to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for \$5 million in grant funding for the Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections project through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program.

Penn Station plays an important role as a regional rail hub for Amtrak, Acela, and MARC commuter rail. It also has significance as a gateway to Baltimore City, a historical landmark and civic destination, and central connection point to Downtown Baltimore from several universities, communities, and commercial nodes. Serving more than three million Amtrak and MARC passengers each year, Penn Station is on two key arteries, Charles and St. Paul Streets, which carry thousands more bus riders, pedestrians, and cyclists. The need for safe, fast, and reliable inter-modal connections at Baltimore Penn Station is critical.

This \$12 million project leverages \$5 million in Congressionally Designated Spending for Penn Station access, and it complements Amtrak investments of over \$100 million in station modernization and expansion and Penn Station Partners' more than \$450 million transit oriented commercial development.

The proposed multi-modal infrastructure investments include adding dedicated bus lanes and curb extensions, bus stop amenities, and curbside management to improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

We request your full and favorable consideration of this significant project to improve multi-modal access and safety in this important hub on the northeast corridor and gateway to Baltimore City.

Sincerely,



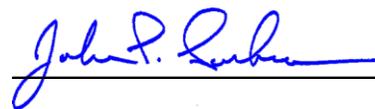
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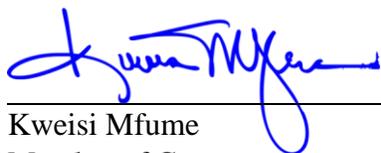
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