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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in regards to Northern Nevada Development Authority's application for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program funding to plan the development of the Port of Nevada intermodal and rail facility located at 11000 Reno Highway, Fernley, Nevada.

Transport, storage, and distribution are the largest industries in Fernley due to its location along Interstate 80 and near two Class I railroads; Fernley is poised to become a major distribution epicenter for the region and state. The Port of Nevada will bring substantial benefits to the community through quality employment opportunities and economic growth.

Currently, the Port provides local and regional businesses with sustainable distribution, transportation, and logistics operations, connecting their goods and services to customers across the country. With the support of RAISE funding, the Port of Nevada can do more for its customers and, ultimately, more for Fernley and Northwestern Nevada. Establishing the Port of Nevada will foster economic development in a rural region lacking investment in its rail infrastructure, to support emerging logistics opportunities better and cultivate employment opportunities in a rural region facing historical disinvestment.

I support the continued development of the Port and look forward to its completion. Local business owners, residents, and community leaders are eager to see this project's economic and environmental benefits. This Port will undoubtedly offer valuable opportunities to the region and promote sustainable, reliable freight movement, to support the region in competing with neighboring cities.

Overall, this application aligns with the U.S. Department of Transportation's strategic goals of improving safety, economic strength and global competitiveness, equity, climate and sustainability and will bring a significant local and regional boost. For these reasons, I respectfully ask for your full and fair consideration of the Northern Nevada Development Authority's application. Should you have any questions about this letter, please contact my Regional Representative and Grants Manager Eric Cardona at [Eric\\_Cardona@rosen.senate.gov](mailto:Eric_Cardona@rosen.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



Jacky Rosen

United States Senator for Nevada