

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4705

July 30, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in support of the Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe's proposal to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program.


The Shoalwater Bay Tribe is located in southwest Washington on lands that are at high risk for flooding due to rising sea levels, storm surges, tsunami risk and its location on the Cascadia subduction zone. An ongoing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers study of erosion risk and mitigation strategies has found that the Tokeland/North Cove region where the Tribe is located will continue to be at significant risk to coastal storm flood and erosion.

To mitigate these risks, the Shoalwater Bay Tribe has developed an upland relocation plan. Grant funding will make improvements to a critical evacuation road that connects to the new relocation area. Once the road is established, the project will build critical infrastructure, including electric, water and sewer connections for planned home sites.

This project is an integral part of the Shoalwater Bay Tribe's plan to preserve Tribal infrastructure and cultural resources and, once completed, will inform regional best practices for coastal hazards resilience.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration to the Shoalwater Bay Tribe's application.

Sincerely,



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