

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 13, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

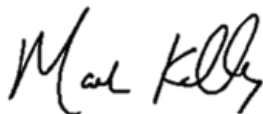
We write to you today regarding Mohave County's application for \$15 Million in Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant funding to construct a new partial traffic interchange at the U.S. 93 intersection at Pierce Ferry Road. U.S. 93 – a federally designated CANAMEX Corridor and future Interstate 11 – connects Phoenix, Arizona to Las Vegas, Nevada and serves 16,570 vehicles per day.

Tens of thousands of visitors each year use the intersection of U.S. 93 at Pierce Ferry Road, which serves the Grand Canyon and Lake Mead National Recreation Area, supporting Mohave County and the Hualapai Tribe's tourism industry. The proliferation of severe crash occurrences through the present day at-grade, cross-over intersection equates to a staggering 30 fatal intersection crashes per 100 million entering vehicles, a fatal crash rate 19 times the Arizona average.

A RAISE award will fast track the rural highway project in an Area of Persistent Poverty through a 27-month process in completing traffic interchange alternatives analysis, environmental clearances, right-of-way acquisition, final design, and construction. The project has support from both the Hualapai Tribal Council and the Arizona Department of Transportation.

As the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the bipartisan law led by Senator Sinema and shaped by Senator Kelly, continues to be implemented, we will keep working across the aisle in the United States Senate to promote economic well-being for all Arizonans. In accordance with all existing agency rules, regulations, and ethical guidelines, we respectfully ask that you give this proposal full and fair consideration as you make this important funding decision.

Sincerely,



Mark Kelly  
United States Senator



Kyrsten Sinema  
United States Senator