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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in support of the application submitted by OmniTRAX Holdings Combined, Inc. and the Great Western Railway of Colorado (GWR), for the Federal Railroad Administration's Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement Program. If awarded, funding will support the Transportation Investments for Employment and Safety Phase 2 ("TIES2"), which will improve safety, efficiency, and customer service on the GWR by replacing the wooden railroad tie.

The GWR is a strategic rail asset in Colorado linking the communities of Ft. Collins, Windsor, Greeley, Johnstown, and Loveland. Like many short lines, the GWR suffers from poor tie condition and lacks the resources for a comprehensive tie replacement program. TIES2 is designed to address that problem quickly, effectively, and efficiently, focusing on good track conditions while prioritizing an investment that is simple to engineer, permit, and execute.

We encourage you to give the application submitted by OmniTRAX Holdings Combined, Inc. and the GWR your full and fair consideration consistent with all applicable laws and regulations. Thank you for your review, and please notify our office of any funds awarded.

Sincerely,



John Hickenlooper
United States Senator