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

RE: The City of Houston's Complete, Connected, Resilient Communities application for the Neighborhood Access and Equity (NAE) Grant

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write regarding the Neighborhood Access and Equity (NAE) application that the City of Houston submitted to the Department of Transportation for the Complete, Connected, Resilient Communities: Gulfton and Kashmere Gardens Resilient Sidewalks Project. This project will improve pedestrian mobility and create stormwater resiliency in the Gulfton and Kashmere Garden neighborhoods, which have historically suffered from a lack of investment and were severely impacted by Hurricane Harvey in 2017.

This grant will repair, reconstruct, and rehabilitate sidewalks while connecting residents to education, economic opportunity, and community amenities. In Gulfton, a diverse and dense neighborhood in Texas' Seventh Congressional District, 37,637 residents will benefit from new and repaired sidewalks, green stormwater infrastructure, curb and gutter drainage, and tree canopy coverage to help reduce excessive heat. In Kashmere Gardens, located in northeast Houston, 11,010 residents will benefit from similar sidewalk and green stormwater infrastructure improvements with an additional focus on mitigating the impacts of flooding along its pedestrian network.

Through the grant application, the City of Houston requests \$50 to \$100 million in funding to implement this critical program. This funding will improve the quality of life for current residents and future generations and build upon the advocacy of community stakeholders for more infrastructure investments and greater economic revitalization for their neighborhoods, in keeping with the goals of the Biden-Harris administration and the work you have done through the Department of Transportation. I hope this request is given all due consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lizzie Fletcher".

Lizzie Fletcher
Member of Congress