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STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
**JOHN P. CYRIER**

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DISTRICT 17

April 8, 2022

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

Re: City of Bastrop, Texas RAISE Grant Application

Dear Mr. Secretary,

As State Representative for the City of Bastrop, I offer my enthusiastic support for their application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant for the rehabilitation of the historic Old Iron Bridge over the Colorado River in Bastrop. The proposed improvements to the bridge are both necessary and urgent to improve safety for vulnerable roadway users, increase mobility accessibility and connectivity for non-motorized users, and to ensure environmental sustainability.

The rehabilitation of the bridge would also contribute to the economic growth of Bastrop's vibrant downtown and restore an iconic and historic structure central to Bastrop's identity. The bridge is an important multi-modal connection across the Colorado River, linking two sides of the City and providing a gateway to the Historic Commercial District. The bridge serves as an integral part of the City's efforts to increase multi-modal travel and reduce energy consumption, while enhancing the economic vitality of the City.

The project contributes to meeting the region's strategic goals of safety, mobility, stewardship, economic development, equity, and innovation. I appreciate your support of projects in Texas that lead to further investment in our communities and improve our quality of life. I am confident the City of Bastrop will be an excellent steward of this grant, and I strongly urge your support of this project.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me should you have questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John P. Cyrier".

John Cyrier  
State Representative

COUNTIES: LEE, BASTROP, CALDWELL, GONZALES, KARNES