

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4805

February 22, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write in regards to the Potomac Valley Transit Authority's (PVTA) application for funding through the Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program. Funding would enable implementation of their Potomac Highlands Hydrogen Fuel Initiative, and I am in support of their application.

As the Ranking Member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, I am proud to have spearheaded bipartisan legislation that will directly invest in our nation's infrastructure needs. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will provide transformational support to our communities, and I am happy to see the positive effects this legislation is already having in West Virginia.

Should funding be awarded, PVTA will develop a strategy and pilot program to create a hydrogen production and storage facility, servicing five counties in rural Appalachia. This program will help PVTA transition to reliable clean energy-based transit systems, and will provide clean fuel that can safely and reliably perform under unique local challenges, particularly density, topography, and weather.

I firmly believe that West Virginia's brightest days are ahead of us. I am proud to see PVTA directly investing in the future of our state, and our fellow Mountaineers. I remain a committed partner to our federal, state, and local entities, working in West Virginia, and I hope you will give their application your full consideration.

Sincerely,



Shelley Moore Capito
United States Senator