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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4607

March 23, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write to express support Blacksburg Transit, an applicant for grant funding under the Federal Transit Administration's Low or No Emission Vehicle Program (FTA-2021-001-LowNo).

Blacksburg Transit, known colloquially as "BT" by its riders, is the public transportation provider for Blacksburg, Virginia Tech, Christiansburg, and parts of Montgomery County in southwest Virginia. With funding from the Department of Transportation, BT will purchase nine electric buses and three charging stations, replacing 12-year-old diesel buses currently used in its fleet.

BT has already begun investing in its electrification, with the addition of five electric buses and key upgrades to its electrical infrastructure to accommodate future electrification. Grant funding will allow BT to work toward its goal of an all-electric bus fleet.

Please give full and fair evaluation to this project, which will benefit essential public transportation services and sustainability in critical area of the Commonwealth.

Should you have any questions regarding this project, contact my Grants Coordinator, [Gwen\\_Mason@kaine.senate.gov](mailto:Gwen_Mason@kaine.senate.gov). Thank you.

Sincerely,



Tim Kaine