

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

February 27, 2023

Pete Buttigieg  
United States Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am pleased to write in support of New York City Department of Transportation's (NYC DOT) grant application for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) funds to establish an Urban Freight Mobility Collaborative in New York City. This initiative will develop actionable, innovative, equity-centered low and zero emission freight delivery strategies. The planning effort will lay the foundation to scale existing pilots and pioneer critical innovations, serving as a testbed for sustainable freight solutions to improve supply chain resiliency, decrease carbon footprints, and support economic development.

New York City faces unique challenges when it comes to moving freight safely and efficiently. Approximately 365 million tons of goods move into, out of, or within the five boroughs annually, and this demand continues to grow due to the increase in e-commerce use throughout the pandemic. This prompts a reimagining of New York City's supply chain, where trucks deliver 90% of goods, many of which still operate on older, pollution emitting diesel engines.

Leveraging robust community engagement and strategic partnerships with sister agencies, freight industry, academic institutions, and private sector think tanks, the effort will collect extensive freight movement data and outline policy frameworks to support improved air quality and congestion reduction. Building upon the principles outlined in the Smart Truck Management Plan and Delivering Green reports, this planning partnership will support the strategic expansion of NYC DOT initiatives, including the pilots for cargo bikes and delivery microhubs, inform solutions to chronic challenges like overnight truck parking, and explore new opportunities such as low emission delivery zones, private-sector data sharing partnerships, and the adoption of innovative smart mobility technologies. We need to invest in building a charging infrastructure for vehicles and micro mobility devices. With your leadership and support we can have our New York ports be zero emissions ports, but we need investments in the transition truck fleets and electrification of the ports.

The project will significantly benefit environmental justice communities that have disproportionately borne the burden of pollution and safety challenges caused by heavy truck traffic. The planning study will seek out solutions responsive to the unique needs of local communities and businesses to create more equitable and innovative freight mobility in New York City. This initiative will create decision-support tools, close knowledge gaps, and guide

best practices and transferability of solutions for goods delivery in other communities nationwide, incorporating lessons across the US and internationally.

This innovative and collective effort brings New York City and the nation closer to meeting important goals of reducing carbon emissions, improving air quality, and creating a more resilient, diversified supply chain for delivering goods. Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Goldman', with a stylized, cursive script.

Dan Goldman  
Member of Congress