



July 9, 2021

Office of the Secretary of Transportation
Secretary Pete Buttigieg
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing today to support the city of Russell, Kansas' Transportation Reconstruction Plan and bid for funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation's RAISE Discretionary Grant Program.

PureField Ingredients is a significant employer and member of the community in Russell, KS. We process locally grown wheat to produce vital wheat gluten, low carbon intensity ethanol for fuel, and other ingredients. Our business depends on the safe and efficient flow of traffic and pedestrians. The need for improvements to the streets and sidewalks of Russell is evident, and the city has a plan to solve many existing problems with the investment of a RAISE Grant.

PureField is nearing the completion of a \$35 million expansion of our facility in Russell, bringing more jobs to the community. The community's Paving the Way to a Sustainable Future multi-modal infrastructure improvement project would enhance the city of Russell's streets and sidewalks while also improving the connection between the community's businesses and residents. Additionally, the project would allow for safer and more efficient community-wide transportation for both vehicles and pedestrians.

Our hope at PureField Ingredients that the City of Russell will be able to improve community's infrastructure through the RAISE Grant Program. I strongly encourage you to consider Russell as a recipient of a RAISE Grant. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brad Kelley".

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