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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write in strong support of the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority's (RTAA) proposed airport terminal expansion project, a multi-year development plan to upgrade and modernize key aspects of Reno-Tahoe International Airport (RNO) to meet growing demand. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (P.L. 117-58), which I was proud to help write and pass, created the Airport Terminal Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). I urge your Department to stand ready to receive RTAA's application to this program and give their application full and fair consideration.

The RNO terminal expansion project, called MoreRNO, will fully replace the existing 23-gate Concourses B & C, while adding five additional gates; partially replace the Connector Concourse; build a new replacement aircraft apron and a new Central Utility Plant located outside of the terminal building footprint; and adjust existing taxiway A to provide expansion opportunities to the east. MoreRNO, the largest expansion project in the airport's history, is critical for improving functional performance and operational efficiency, addressing a forecasted increase in passenger demand, addressing changing fleet mixes, and providing adequate passenger and airline space.

RNO is a well-respected airport with a strong track record of broad community support. The RTAA Board of Trustees is committed both to the airport's long-term success and to this transformational investment, which will meet the needs of the vibrant and growing region. Funding through the Airport Terminal Program I helped create in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will help make this vision a reality and enhance an airport that is a key gateway to the fast-growing communities of northern Nevada.

With this in mind, I urge the Department of Transportation to stand ready to receive RNO's application to the FAA's Airport Terminal Program to help construct critical new concourses at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport to meet traveler and economic demand. Thank you in advance for providing full and fair consideration to the forthcoming proposal.

Sincerely

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cc: The Honorable Billy Nolen, Acting Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation