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February, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Support for City of Cameron- RAISE Grant-Railroad Quiet Zone Project 2024

Dear Secretary, Buttigieg:

I strongly support the grant application being submitted by the City of Cameron and the Central Texas Council of Governments to create a railroad quiet zone for the city.

On an average day, 42 trains come through the city at 55 miles per hour. Creating these quiet zones will lead to a better quality of life and would encourage business growth, thus increasing economic development and tourism within our community. If 42 trains traveled through Cameron at equal distance from each other on a daily basis, a train would be coming through the city at least every 35 minutes. The average 840 train whistles heard in the city each day having a detrimental impact the ability to conduct business and meetings. And consequently, is a deterrent to new business growth.

The City of Cameron along with other organizations have been working on making Cameron a great place to live, work, and visit. The train horns are limiting many of the benefits of the work that has been completed in the city over the past few years.

As a *fill in business owner position/investor position* -add how your businesses has been impacted. I believe these items are key to reducing the persistent poverty and economic distress experienced by the City of Cameron while fostering long term growth and well-being of the community.

Sincerely,