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Secretary Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to draw your attention to a neglected bridge spanning the Upper Delaware River, connecting the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and State of New York. The historic Skinners Falls/Milanville Bridge has been closed for the last five years. PennDOT, the agency with administrative responsibility, asserts that the project has remained in study and planning stages for this long due to a lack of funds. Fiscal responsibility for this bridge is reportedly shared by the two states and the Federal governments.

One PennDOT official with whom I spoke during a recent public display session told me ZERO funds from the Bilateral Infrastructure Bill have been allocated for this vital project. I cannot confirm this. I am not an expert in funding streams for road and bridge projects like this one, so I am writing to ask for your help. Would you please investigate what Federal support can be made available to reopen this bridge? (Please see my web page on this topic at tomrue.net/sfbridge).

The lack of this vital bridge causes significant harm to large numbers of people in this region; harms families and small businesses in Wayne County, Pennsylvania and Sullivan County, New York; and threatens the survival of a remarkable and historic bridge.

Please explore what funds can be applied to restore the Skinners Falls/Milanville Bridge and reopen it to traffic as soon as possible. Perhaps your office can take a leadership role with the two states.

Respectfully,



Tom Rue

cc: Senator Charles Schumer

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