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## Milwaukee Alderman Robert Bauman Praises Nomination of Mayor Pete as Transportation Secretary

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planning, building and maintaining critical transportation infrastructure*

4<sup>th</sup> District **Alderman Robert J. Bauman**, chairman of Milwaukee's Public Works Committee, a long-time advocate for expanded and improved public transportation, and one of the foremost transportation experts in Southeastern Wisconsin, enthusiastically supports the nomination of Mayor Pete Buttigieg as U.S. Secretary of Transportation.

Alderman Bauman notes that cities and local governments are on the front lines of providing and maintaining transportation infrastructure that is critical to economic development, job creation and wealth development. Moreover, mobility is a critical component of having a high-functioning, modernized society.

Regarding the nomination of Mayor Pete, Alderman Bauman stated the following:

“In addition to an incredible resume and military service, Mayor Pete has demonstrated a keen interest and expertise in urban infrastructure. As a former mayor, it is clear he also understands the challenges that cities and local governments face in planning, building and maintaining transportation infrastructure. The next transportation secretary will play a central role in advancing President-elect Biden's pledge to “Build Back Better” and address the challenges of climate change.

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## **Buttigieg nomination/ADD ONE**

If confirmed, I am confident that Mayor Pete will use the resources of his department to improve and expand public transit in all its forms, ranging from Amtrak intercity rail service to local bus service, and will use those resources to promote economic and environmental justice across the country.

I am also confident that Mayor Pete understands the need to invest in the maintenance of our bridges and roadways that comprise our interstate highway system, and the need to modernize and maintain our critical air traffic control system, network of commercial waterways and the freight railroad system.

The transportation sector is a major contributor to the emission of greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change. The Department of Transportation is in a unique position to set national policy to transition away from fossil fuel consumption, to facilitate the transition to electric vehicles, and to promote the use of more fuel efficient modes of transportation for the movement of people and goods. Mayor Pete understands these strategic goals and will effectively lead this critical federal department to achieve these objectives.

I congratulate President-elect Biden on his excellent choice of Mayor Pete.”

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