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Dear Public Testimony Public Testimony,

Dear Mayor Lucas and Members of the City Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ordinance 250382. While I understand the urgent need to support the KCATA and the IRIS program, it should not come at the cost of undermining our broader transportation system, especially vital programs like Vision Zero and bike share.

Cutting over $2.7 million from Vision Zero efforts—on top of previous reductions—would gut a critical initiative meant to prevent traffic deaths and improve safety for everyone who walks, bikes, drives, or uses transit in Kansas City. We cannot afford to move backward on this life-saving program, especially after the City Council just expanded its scope.

Likewise, slashing our bike share program will disproportionately harm residents who rely on it to access jobs, school, and public transit. With 60% of bike share trips connecting to bus stops, this system isn't a luxury—it's a necessity for many, particularly as bus service continues to be reduced.

These cuts also jeopardize our readiness to welcome global visitors for the FIFA World Cup. A safe, connected, and accessible transportation network is crucial for showcasing our city—and more importantly, for serving the residents who live here every day.

Kansas City deserves a comprehensive, fully funded transportation system that works for everyone. I urge you to reject Ordinance 250382 and instead pursue long-term, sustainable solutions that strengthen—not sacrifice—public transit, bike share, and street safety together.

Sincerely,
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Regards,
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