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KCMO Public Testimony,

I live in Quality Hill Towers apartments. Many of my neighbors don't own cars and really on the bus system for all of their transportation. They take the bus to get to work, to get groceries, and go anywhere not in walking distance. These are not wealthy people. They live here because the rent is *comparatively* low. Not LOW. Many of them still struggle to pay for enough food to eat. People NEED the bus service and they need it to remain FREE.

I urge you to amend the current proposal for bus funding, Ordinance #250247, so that improvements can be made to preserve service and universal Zero Fare.

This proposed ordinance will NOT provide sufficient funding to maintain current levels of bus service. Weekend service will be limited to just 7 routes, frequency will be reduced, and union drivers will be laid off. After your constituents expressed an overwhelming demand for you to save the bus system, you and your colleagues promised the public that this ordinance would prevent service cuts, even if just for six months. You must amend this ordinance to ensure that our buses receive adequate funding.

Working people should not pay the price for the City and KCATA's sloppy negotiations. This is unfair, unjust, and unethical. Do your jobs and fund our buses.

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