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KCMO Public Testimony,

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

KCATA announced that this proposed ordinance will NOT provide sufficient funding to maintain current levels of bus service. Instead, 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.

I live in a suburb of Kansas City, but I believe that public transportation is vital to the city's health and prosperity. I have lived in Kansas City my entire life, and am extremely proud that Kansas City has become a thriving, growing city. Part of this is because of the public transportation options. More young people want to stay in the city, and it is critical to listen to their voices. If we want to grow the urban core, we need to build the infrastructure to support it.

Furthermore, public transportation is absolutely necessary to combat climate change. Reducing the number of cars on the road will only decrease the pollution that is put into our air. All Kansas Citians deserve to live healthy, productive lives and public transportation is a vital part of that. My dream for our city is to have a comprehensive public transportation system that furthers the growth and sustainability of our city. The current plan to underfund and cut services does not serve Kansas City. Please reconsider your position.

Sincerely,

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