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Dear Public Testimony Public Testimony,

To the Honorable Members of the Kansas City City Council,

I am writing to you with deep concern regarding Ordinance 250382 and to respectfully urge you to oppose its passage.

As a lifelong resident of Kansas City and a citizen who chooses to live without a car, this ordinance would have a drastic and harmful effect on how I and my family move through our city. We rely daily on the city's shared bike systems and the safety infrastructure implemented through Vision Zero to navigate to work, school, parks, restaurants, and community spaces. These resources are not luxuries — they are lifelines.

The introduction of accessible bikes throughout Kansas City has transformed how I commute to work. It has given me independence, affordability, and a healthy, sustainable way to participate in our city's economy. For my family, the protected sidewalks, crosswalks, and pedestrian-friendly infrastructure created under the Vision Zero initiative have provided something that previously didn't exist: the ability to move about our community without fear. My children can walk to school. We can go to the park safely. We can live full lives without the constant risk of traffic violence.

Vision Zero has been the only clear voice and action plan for those of us who do not drive. It is not just a transportation strategy — it is a moral commitment to protect lives and build equity into our urban design. Weakening or dismantling any part of this effort, whether directly or indirectly, will isolate and endanger citizens who rely on non-car options for mobility. Some will lose their jobs, their access to healthcare, education, or simply the ability to participate in daily life.

I urge you to recognize that the choices you make with Ordinance 250382 are not merely policy adjustments — they are decisions that deeply affect real people, especially those who are most vulnerable. Kansas City should be a city for everyone, not just for those behind the wheel.

Please vote no on Ordinance 250382, and continue to support safe, healthy, and sustainable transportation options for all.

Regards,
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