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KCMO Public Testimony,

Hello Mayor Lucas & City Council Members,

Kansas City has the opportunity to be a beacon for equitable transportation in the United States, a country already far behind most developed nations in terms of mobility for its citizens. The new plan is a poor response to the real needs and demands of a citizenry that works hard to keep you all in office. These cuts will disproportionately impact communities of color and low income residents of the city who have just as much of a right to access public space and mobility as anyone else. As someone raised in Kansas City it's been wonderful to see the city grow and flourish but that development can only be applauded if it is inclusive of everyone, not just those you deem less vocal or more wealthy.

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.

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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