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Dear Public Testimony Public Testimony,

Dear Mayor Lucas and Members of the City Council,

As a business owner and resident in Kansas City, I'm writing to express my strong opposition to Ordinance 250382 and the proposed cuts to our city's bike share and Vision Zero programs. These initiatives are not just line items in a budget—they are vital components of a safer, more connected, and more economically vibrant Kansas City.

Our neighborhood and business community have benefited directly from the presence of bike share stations and Vision Zero safety improvements. Many of our customers and employees rely on multimodal transit to get to work, shop, and engage with local events. Gutting bike share—particularly when 60% of its trips are connected to bus stops—will disproportionately affect those who already face transportation barriers.

Vision Zero, likewise, represents a commitment to reducing traffic deaths and serious injuries. Cutting over $2.7 million from this effort—after the Council recently voted to expand its scope—is a dangerous step backward. These aren't optional amenities; they're fundamental to making our streets safer for everyone, especially those who walk, bike, or rely on public transit.

I support investments in our bus system and the IRIS program, but not at the cost of undermining the entire transportation ecosystem. Transit, bike share, and pedestrian safety are deeply interconnected. Reducing support in one area inevitably weakens the whole system.

As the city prepares to host the world during the 2026 FIFA World Cup, our transportation infrastructure should reflect our ambitions and our values. Defunding these critical programs sends the wrong message—to our residents, our visitors, and ourselves.

Please vote no on Ordinance 250382, and work toward a sustainable, long-term funding solution that enhances—not cannibalizes—Kansas City's progress in transportation safety and equity.

Sincerely,
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