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KCMO Public Testimony,

Howdy,

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.

I do not drive — cannot drive, due to binocular vision dysfunction — and the cuts to service, reduced frequency, and lay offs will personally affect me.

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.

Simultaneous to hearing about these cuts and frequency reductions, news stories are reporting that buses will be used to transport tourists to the World Cup games. Why is it that, after y'all said that the proposed ordinance would NOT lead to route cuts and reduced frequency, KCATA is still planning on cutting routes and reducing frequency? Are our vital bus services being cut in order to divert buses to this FIFA transportation plan?

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. This is a service that real people — your constituents — rely on. Buses are a necessary service, just like road maintenance and water and other city services.

Thank you.

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