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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.

Working people should not pay the price for the City and KCATA's sloppy negotiations. This is unfair, unjust, and unethical. My mother is 66 years old and relies on the buses every day all day to get around to appointments! Is it just to force an almost 70 year old woman with arthritis and diabetes, who relies on social security to be stuck at bus stops due to bus schedules? Especially when summer is eminent?
Do your jobs and fund our buses!

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