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KCMO Public Testimony,

My name is Danny Mitchell, and I live in Old Hyde Park. I'm writing to urge you to support Ordinance #251053 and to ensure the Kansas City bus system is fully funded.

Public transit is a core equity issue in Kansas City. For many residents—workers, students, seniors, and families—it is not a convenience but a necessity. Reliable bus service directly affects access to jobs, education, healthcare, and opportunity, particularly in neighborhoods that have historically been underserved.

You've often spoken about building a Kansas City that works for everyone and about keeping commitments to the people who rely on city services every day. Fully funding our bus system is a tangible way to deliver on that promise and to continue moving Kansas City toward a more inclusive, connected, and sustainable future.

During my 20's, I was able to turn my life around by going back to college and earning my degree in Computer Science from UMKC. I could not afford a car and I had to support my girlfriend (now wife) and I by working service industry jobs on nights and weekends. This would not have been possible without a reliable bus service to get around the city. It literally helped me better myself and improve my quality of life. I'm now a productive member of the community and I love to call KC my home. I want my neighbors to have the same opportunities that I did.

I appreciate your leadership and your long-standing commitment to Kansas City and its residents. I hope you will stand with those who depend on public transit and ensure that our bus system receives the full support it needs.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
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