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Chair Hornstein and Members of the Committee,

We are writing to express our support for Representative Brad Tabke's House File 2045, a bill to establish a Transit Service Intervention Project.

Minnesotans need more ways to stay connected. A recent poll by Data For Progress found that 30% of the Minnesotans who were polled said they would be more likely to use a bus or train, if there were greater access to high-quality public transportation where they live.

However, rider experience matters when Minnesotans are deciding when to ride. Transit users should expect to both be and feel welcome on our buses and trains. Creating this experience on a daily and hourly basis is a complex project, as it intersects with social challenges that precede ridership and are beyond the scope of a transit agency alone to solve.

However, House File 2045 approaches this complexity thoughtfully. Creating a representative working group, engaging social service providers, using an iterative process to evaluate what's working, and providing funding for staff are all necessary and sensible ways of improving our transit system.

This project is not the only thing our legislature needs to do to improve the transit riding experience. But **it's an important intervention, one we (and riders) will appreciate.** Please support House File 2045.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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