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TO: Chairs Hornstein and Newman, Omnibus Transportation Bill
Conference Committee

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I am writing in support of the provisions of the conference report creating an administrative citation to be enforced by non-sworn personnel employed by Metro Transit. Based on the experience in downtown Minneapolis integrating the work of Downtown Improvement District non-sworn Ambassadors with the work of law enforcement agencies, this will provide Metro Transit with a much needed tool to address a range of behavioral issues, including fare evasion, with the right resource to get good outcomes.

As I talk to employers about their back to office plans, it's also clear to me that one key to encouraging a return by employees via transit will be enhanced security. This is both an issue of real concerns and perception of safety. Approving the approach laid out in the conference report will be a significant step forward in building confidence about transit ridership.

Thank you for your attention to these points.