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Subject: Suburban Transit Benefits Our Entire Region

Dear Minnesota Legislators,

I am writing as a resident of the south metro to express my support for Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA). Even for residents who do not ride transit daily, MVTA provides important benefits to our communities.

Community-focused, responsive transit reduces congestion, connects workers to jobs, and supports economic activity throughout the region. Suburban transit providers like MVTA were created to meet the specific transportation needs of suburban communities. Over time, this model has created an efficient and effective service that reflects local travel patterns and community priorities. Proposals that eliminate opt-out transit providers could disrupt these services and undermine local transportation solutions that have worked well for decades.

I encourage you to protect suburban transit providers like MVTA and support policies that strengthen regional mobility.

Thank you,

David Brown

Richfield Resident