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Dear Minnesota Legislators,

As a resident of Dakota County, I am writing to express support for Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) and the continued operation of suburban transit providers serving communities across the south metro.

In addition to living in the Dakota County, I also work within the county and can attest that reliable transportation plays an important role in ensuring that residents across our community can reach important resources such as grocery stores, libraries, and medical and supportive service providers.

Suburban transit providers like MVTA help ensure that residents throughout the south metro have dependable transportation options to access community services such as libraries, schools, healthcare providers, and employment centers.

Proposals that would eliminate suburban “opt-out” transit providers could reduce access to these important resources for residents who depend on public transportation.

I encourage policymakers to preserve suburban transit providers like MVTA and continue supporting transportation systems that strengthen access to education, information, and community services throughout our region.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to our communities.

Sincerely,

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