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RE: Support for Local Transit Providers

Dear Senators/Representatives:

On behalf of the Burnsville Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express support local transit providers in Minnesota. Transit plays a critical role in helping our residents access jobs, education, healthcare, and community services. Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) knows our community, works hard to understand evolving needs, and helps ensure that people across the south metro can travel efficiently throughout the region.

Burnsville has a very diverse residential, business and employee population and our organization regularly sees how transportation access affects workforce participation, economic opportunity, and community engagement. Eliminating local opt-out transit providers could weaken these connections and create barriers for residents and organizations that rely on them.

We respectfully urge you to protect MVTA and preserve the suburban transit model that has successfully served our communities.

Sincerely,

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