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Robbie Makinen, CEO  
Kansas City Area Transportation Authority  
1200 E. 18th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64108

Dear Robbie,

On behalf of University Health / Truman Medical Centers, I would like to offer our support of your Zero Fare Transit initiative. When we first became aware of the notion of providing transit without a direct cost to the user, we knew this could have a positive impact on our patients.

Truman Medical Centers is Kansas City's Essential Hospital. Our role in this community is twofold, first as an Academic Medical Center and second, as a safety net hospital serving those without access to insurance. As you can imagine, affordable transportation can be a major barrier for our patients seeking care.

Thank you again for your efforts around Zero Fare. While we are excited about the benefit it will provide for our patients, we are equally excited about the positive impact on our community as a whole. Zero Transit will make for a healthier community and a more equitable community. We applaud your efforts and you have our full support.

Sincerely,

Charlie Shields  
President and CEO

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