Template for Transportation Bill

Dear (**Representative or Senator**),

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am (**an advocate, a parent, a community member**). I live in your district and I want to ask for your support with the Free Fare Pilot Program that was created by the Metropolitan Council and the 2023 Legislature. The Free Fare Pilot Program has allowed Metro Mobility members to ride Metro Transit transportation for free and also have Routes 32 and 62 have a free fare as well.

This program was piloted for one year in 2024 and ends December 31st, 2024. Starting in 2025, Metro Mobility users would be able to ride for 1₵ and Routes 32 and 62 return to regular fare. The program has seen improved results, one being increased ridership on Metro Transit buses.

This program has impacted me by (**explain how the bill has impacted you**) and I hope you can support the program continuing permanently. This means allowing Metro Mobility users to ride transportation for free because many people with disabilities rely on public transportation to get to work, visiting with friends and family, and being a part of their community. Transportation is critical to many and with the increased cost of living, allowing transit to not have a fare creates more ridership and more ways that people with disabilities can be a part of their community without concern of cost.

Please support the continuation of the free fare program and I appreciate your willingness to read why this program is so incredibly important.

Thank you for your time.

(Your Name)

(Your Zip Code)