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Dear Councilmembers,

We are writing to express our gratitude for the opportunity and time provided to TheRide at last month's board meeting and appreciation for your consideration of the resolution before you today.

As discussed, TheRide recently offered to partner with MDOT on the ongoing US-23 project and proposed an alternative solution to help address traffic congestion on US-23. We believe this solution we proposed may eliminate the need to widen US-23 altogether.

Our plan centers around the establishment of multiple park and ride facilities strategically located to divert traffic off US-23. Additionally, we propose implementing a comprehensive coach busing system to efficiently shuttle commuters into and from downtown Ann Arbor, reducing reliance on individual vehicles and easing congestion on both US-23 and some local roads in Ann Arbor.

While we regret our inability to be present at tonight's meeting, we wish to extend our sincere gratitude to Councilmember Erica Briggs for her support and dedication to this issue. We are immensely grateful for her advocacy and look forward to continuing our collaboration with Ann Arbor City Council.

In closing, we believe that the implementation of this plan holds great promise in alleviating traffic congestion in Ann Arbor and enhancing the overall quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

Thank you once again for your time, consideration, and ongoing support.

Regards,

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Matt Carpenter
CEO, TheRide

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Pfeifer".

Jeff Pfeifer
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