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Dear Friends:

I am writing on behalf of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition to encourage your efforts to save mass transit in Clayton County. The reasons to do so are almost too numerous to list on this page. As recent national rankings attest, Metro Atlanta's quality of life is threatened by traffic congesting that threatens to choke off the growth and vitality of this region. Clayton County is ideally situated for growth, near the airport and major highways.. But that growth will not be sustainable without jobs. Without mass transit, workers cannot get to the jobs and Clayton's economic development is uncertain and uneven.

On a personal level, it is inhumane to say to thousands of Georgians...you are not part of this economy. We don't value your skills, potential and contributions. That is the message we send when we fail to support public transportation. Our environmental quality is threatened by auto exhaust – mass transit is one way to protect the quality of the air we all breathe. We understand that Clayton County's economy is in turmoil. But saying “no” to public transportation will only make the situation worse.

The Rainbow PUSH Coalition wholeheartedly supports and endorses your efforts to keep mass transit in Clayton County. We specifically applaud the move to join MARTA. Atlanta cannot be a world-class region without world-class mass transit. Thanks for your attention to this matter, and for all you do for the people of Georgia.

Sincerely,

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