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Representative Yvonne Holley
Representative Joe John
Representative Grier Martin
North Carolina General Assembly
300 N. Salisbury Street
Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Representatives Holley, John, and Martin,

I am writing to you three because we share a profound concern that Wake County continues to thrive. As the largest county and an economic engine for the State of North Carolina, we fully expect to see continued growth in population and jobs, similar to the way our region weathered the Great Recession, despite the current fiscal environment.

To maximize Wake County's ability to provide North Carolina with employment opportunities and revenue we need to continue to fund transportation options like the Public Transportation, Bicycle and Pedestrian, Rail, State Maintenance Assistance Program (SMAP), Strategic Transportation Initiative Program (STIP), Powell Bill Program and the Modern Mobility Program. These investments will bring businesses to our county and encourage sustained, healthy growth in the region. The cuts in House Bill 77 will severely negatively impact transportation improvements in Wake County, from our expanding bus systems to our increasingly interconnected bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. We fear reduced mobility options could mean deeper and more inequitable impacts to our local economy.

WakeUP Wake County supports the continued growth of our transportation network and sees expanded mobility options as a direct line to economic growth and vitality. We urge you to not support the massive proposed cuts to these programs that directly impact that growth and opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heather Vail Keefer".

Heather Vail Keefer
Executive Director
WakeUP Wake County

Cc: Representative Gale Adcock Representative Allison Dahle Representative Darren Jackson
Representative Cynthia Ball Representative Terence Everitt Representative Julie von Haefen
Representative Sydney Batch Representative Rosa Gill