

Dear **NAME** -

Thank you for your leadership. We need it now more than ever.

As you know, transit is essential for our community. It provides everyone with a clean and affordable way to get around. It is a driver of economic growth and opportunities and is a critical tool for addressing the climate crisis.

But for too long, too many policymakers haven't prioritized funding for transit, choosing to spend the vast majority of our transportation dollars on roads. As a result, in much of the country, it's incredibly difficult—if not impossible—to get around without a car.

This is why we ask that you join us in a Week Without Driving challenge this September.

Week Without Driving challenges us to leave our cars at home for a week to experience what life is like for the third of Americans who can't or don't drive. **By participating in Week Without Driving and raising our voices about better transit options, we can create a system that gets everyone where they need to go, regardless of ability, age, or income.**

The climate crisis is not coming; it is here now. And we all must take action to address it—locally and collectively, urging policymakers at the state and federal levels to act.

The transportation sector is the largest source of U.S. climate pollution — 80% of transportation emissions come from the [cars and trucks on our roads](#). It's one of the only major sectors where emissions are still [rising](#).

This is why we aim to make this year's "A Week Without Driving" the largest ever.

Sadly, we know that for too many a week without driving is impossible. And that is the point of this action. **If doing a week is not possible for you, you can join us in multiple ways.** You can:

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If you're able to join us or have any questions, please contact **XXX**.

Sincerely,
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