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To Justin Stuehrenberg and Metro Transit,

I am a concerned community member witnessing the protests in Madison. We are living in a historic time and the entire world is watching how our police and government are handling the protests across the U.S. Several Bus Drivers' unions have publicly refused to be complicit in police operations. I am asking Madison Metro Transit to take the same stand.

Police have been terrorizing protesters in Madison with pepper spray, tear gas, and the use of force. Using our city's buses to transport riot officers is in direct opposition to the public service that public transit stands for. You are actively supporting police brutality and violence against protesters speaking out about systemic racism.

We know that this decision is not a representation of the bus drivers we know and love in our communities. Using these buses and demanding workers serve as vehicles for state-sanctioned violence is reprehensible. Bus drivers who oppose Metro Transit’s part in uplifting state-sanctioned violence should make their outrage known and join the community in demanding accountability!

I demand that Metro Transit: (1) Immediately denies transportation and any support for the police presence; (2) Apologizes publicly to the black community in a clear way that acknowledges responsibility for supporting violence by police without offsetting blame to protesters; (3) Do all it can to end the curfew & police presence in Madison; (4) Demonstrates a commitment to centering black voices. Please stand on the right side of history.

Black Lives Matter!

- Natalie