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| **To:** | Lynch, Thomas |
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Dear Mr. Lynch,

I am contacting you to demand Metro Transit immediately stop transporting and supporting all riot police. They have been terrorizing protesters, including children and medics, in Madison with pepper spray, tear gas, force, and brutality. They have also been provoking and starting violence against up-until-then nonviolent protests. Transporting violent riot officers in and out of our city is in direct opposition to the public service that public transit stands for, and you should be ashamed not only being complicit in but actively supporting police brutality, the murders of black people, and violence against protesters justifiably responding to systemic racism. We know that this decision is not a representation of the bus drivers we know and love in our communities, and using these buses and demanding workers serve as a literal vehicle for state-sanctioned violence is reprehensible. Metro Transit should not take any disciplinary action against bus drivers who refuse to participate.

We 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 center black voices, by providing and advocating for material aid and supporting local efforts calling to defund the police, release black people from jail, and give black people decision making power over safety. I personally recommend that Madison Metro Transit provides direct solidarity and support to: Urban Triage, Freedom Inc., & Free the 350 Bail Fund.

Black Lives Matter!