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Hi! My name is Roger Schmidt Of: 250 Femrite DR #301 Monona WI 53716

I am a guy on social security disability and I now use the Monona bus to get to the stores and other place in need to go with this Monona bus. I am a guy who is losing the ability to walk and have a number of other physical conditions. If it were not for the bus that comes too the door here I would not be able to live here! I would not be able to go to the Walmart witch I can use the electric cart to get around to pick up medications and do my grocery shopping. Many of the older and disabled people who live here do not drive and have limitations and without this bus will be stranded . it is very expensive to take a cab and hard to get other transportation. This bus picks up many people in this situation and I would think it would be far more costly to hep us all on an individual basis. I was told that another system might be put in its place and user would need to fit a criteria and would then also require all whom ride need forms filled out by doctors. who then must see the requirements as part of the persons physical problems. Witch in it self might not fit the persons issues. Then there are some with mental conditions.

So many would then be stuck and lose there independence or would then need other help!

Then there is the fact that it would be run much differently and giving people with the many different physical and psychological problem a short and limited time to do the things they need to do with out the help with our things. Many have their walker and like myself get help with their groceries . witch I am told will not happen as well! For me I usually pick up my meds and shop on the same trip. So there are variables in the time! How many are phenacyl how long must I wait to get the meds and the same is true with groceries at checkout and then getting back to the other end of the store and then no help loading and unloading them!

All these things are now taken care of with the current system!

The current system helps far more people then the new one would so less riders!

So it would bring in less money and more dissatisfied people!

Thanks much!

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