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To: <u>Transportation Commission</u>
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## To Whom It May Concern,

I'm the co owner of Art Gecko and primarily oversee the State Street store which as been on State Street for 22 years. I strongly believe not having buses on State Street or trial run of a new blocks is a wonderful idea and long over due. Buses on State are dangerous and limit the walkability of State Street. It would be much more pleasant experience for pedestrians without buses. State Street needs an overhaul. Sales have plummeting for last few years and worse than ever before after riots and covid. The State Street looks like a war zone and neglected. Is this how we want to represent the heart of our city? It should be a vivacious and lively place where people want to come downtown to gather and meet up with friends/family. Instead the mantra for State Street has been for years ..... "I avoid State Street." We need to work together to save State Street and by removing buses is one step in the right direction!

Sincerely, Nosheen Ajmal Art Gecko 510 State Street 608-280-8053