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Mayor Quinton Lucas and
Members of the City Council
KCMO City Hall
414 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Mayor Lucas and Members of the City Council:

Healing House, Inc. wishes to submit the following letter in **support** of the proposed legislation to decriminalize walking and biking in Kansas City.

We support this measure as a step to limit the over-policing of Black and Brown people in Kansas City. The measures targeted in this legislation, including jaywalking, dirty tires, and bike inspection, do nothing to make our streets safer for people who walk or bike. It doesn't make sense for us to allow these measures to remain in place, especially if there is no evidence, they protect the people who fall under their scope.

As Healing House helps to "reclaim lives" within the Historic Northeast neighborhood, adding to a person's history of offenses harms the progress moving forward. "Restoring hope" for our Program Participants enables them to give back to a community they find support and safety again. We want to provide a mode of reliable, affordable transportation in order to continue allowing a "transforming of communities" to take place.

In conclusion, Healing House, Inc. supports the adoption of this measure and asks the City Council to do the same.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bobbi-Jo Reed".

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