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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:

KC 4 Safe Streets 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 actually 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.

KC 4 Safe Streets works to make our streets, sidewalks, and public space safe and accessible to all users. We seek to eliminate all traffic fatalities through policies such as Vision Zero, engineering, education, and better public transit. We do not believe these laws do anything to keep people safe and can be used as a way to target demographics that are already at risk of being profiled and targeted.

In conclusion, KC 4 Safe Streets supports the adoption of this measure and asks the City Council to do the same.

Thank you,



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