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**RE: Please Protect the South Phoenix Light Rail**

June [X], 2018

**Insert Name of Council Member**

Phoenix City Hall  
200 W. Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

**Dear Mayor Williams/Councilmember Insert Name,**

**I am writing you today to ask you to SAVE the South Central Light Rail extension.**

As a resident/community member/business owner in Phoenix, I am deeply concerned about the possible 90 day "pause" on the project. The light rail is something that has been promised to the South Phoenix community for many years and we do not want to see this project delayed even by one day or worse yet – cancelled all together. I believe that delaying this project would be taking away any chance of South Phoenix getting the light rail.

In 2015, the Proposition 104 transit initiative passed by 55 percent. In Council Districts 7 and 8, where the South Central extension runs, the initiative passed overwhelmingly by 70 percent and 68 percent, respectively.

This is in part because the South Phoenix community counts on public transit more than any other region in our city, **as nearly 21 percent of South Phoenix households do not own a car, and 55 percent of households only own one car.** Worse yet, the public buses can no longer keep up with the passenger demand and causes major delays, which is problematic for working families trying to get to and from work, school, and doctors' appointments on time. Now is the time to change that. We need higher capacity transit options.

Residents and local businesses from regions across the Valley who now have light rail have witnessed firsthand the tremendous positive benefits of this service. Light rail connects community members with better transit options to reach schools and universities, entertainment venues, employment centers, retail centers, hospitals, Sky Harbor Airport, and so much more.

Unfortunately, South Phoenix has been left out of this regional system. South Phoenix has been passed up for the light rail for more than a decade, but now is the time for South Phoenix to get its fair share.

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**This is why I respectfully urge you to stand with us and support the South Central Light Rail extension in its current plan and not sign onto any efforts that would delay, suspend, or change the project.**

As a member of the Phoenix City Council, you can do your part. We've gone thru this process and we have a window to keep this project moving. City Council has shown repeated support for this project in its current form and we ought not to go back on promises made to the public. Remember, great cities have great transportation networks. Our future is on the line.

Sincerely,

**[Your name, title and organization]**