Hi there!

I received an e-mail about voicing my thoughts for public transportation. It is something so big to unpack, but I really felt compelled to reach out about funding in particular.

My husband and I have been big believers in public transit for many years, and have ridden the light rail in particular on many occasions. Our children have always really enjoyed riding it, too!

However, during the last few years, I'll be blunt - it is no longer safe to ride public transit. Whether it was the woman, who was clearly high, yelling at my 8 year old about her medical problems, to my husband's car being vandalized at a park and ride, to finding poop smeared on a train, we have completely stopped using it. My husband in particular has used public transit for the last 20 some years to get to work daily, and now, he no longer feels safe doing so.

We need to spend money to keep our public system safe. At a minimum, there should be guards at every park in ride so that cars are not stolen or vandalized. There should be inspectors making the rounds to make sure that buses and trains are safe.

This is a very large issue that needs to be solved, otherwise your everyday, working families will no longer be able to utilize public transit.

Thank you,

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