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Council Members,

I am writing to request you **reject Ordinance 210966**.

This proposed Ordinance will hurt Kansas City in several ways. The recently constructed bike lane infrastructure makes it safer and more accessible to bike in the city.
Personally, the improvements have had a lot of impact. They provide a safe path from my home to work, a safe path for my family to use to connect to the community, they make the whole street safer (for all users).
The improvements represent a big step forward for Kansas City in reaching vision zero + environmental goals – incremental steps to getting more up to speed with peer cities.
KCMO still has a long way to go on these measures. Ripping out this new infrastructure would be a terrible waste of City resources and a major step back for the community as a whole.

**Safe path to work:**
The new bike lane infrastructure provides a safe & fully protected route from my home to my work. This is huge, as my family has one car. It is great to have another transit option.

**Safe path for my family:**
My entire family is able to bike in the city now. This includes my 18-month-old son who will ride with us in a bike trailer. We are only comfortable doing this in the protected lanes.
We can now connect to many more neighborhoods and destinations. In the future, we want him to have a safe path to bike to school & to join us on his own bike when we ride in the city.
In order to do this, there need to be *MORE* lanes installed, City-wide.

**The whole street is safer:**
Protected lanes provide a dedicated & protected path for many to use, AND the vehicle traffic is slower- which is safer for all users of the road- including drivers, cyclists, pedestrians.

**Infrastructure investment:**
This investment brings a lot of value to our city. It is important to hear from neighborhoods, yes- BUT it is critically important to not waste city resources. The provisions related to removing brand new infrastructure ***absolutely*** must be removed from this ordinance.
Do not rip out brand new infrastructure. There are too many other things to do, too many other improvements the City needs to make. Ripping out this new infrastructure would be a terrible waste of City resources and a major step back for the community as a whole.

Thank you for opposing Ordinance 210966.
There is a way to achieve both safety and community engagement. This Ordinance is not it.

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