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To:	Public Testimony
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Dear City Council City Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed plan to Ordinance 230092, removing bike lanes on Truman Rd. I believe this plan will have a negative impact on several important issues facing our community, including the well-being of our under-served populations, the environment, and the social fabric of our city, as well as the safety of our citizens.

First, bike lanes provide a low-cost and environmentally friendly mode of transportation for many residents of our city, particularly those in under-served communities who may not have access to a car. Removing these lanes will make it more difficult and dangerous for these individuals to get around, exacerbating existing inequalities and hindering their ability to participate fully in our community.

Second, bike lanes play a crucial role in reducing traffic deaths and promoting safer streets for all users. Studies have shown that cities with more bike lanes and protected bike infrastructure have lower rates of traffic fatalities and serious injuries. By removing these lanes, we risk putting more people in harm's way and undoing progress towards a safer city.

Finally, bike lanes contribute to a more vibrant and connected city by promoting active transportation and encouraging people to get out and explore their neighborhoods. This helps to build a stronger sense of community and brings people together in ways that benefit everyone.

I urge you to reconsider the proposed plan to remove bike lanes in Kansas City. Instead, let's work together to find ways to improve and expand upon our existing bike infrastructure so that everyone can enjoy the benefits of safe, accessible, and sustainable transportation options.

Regards,
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