June 21, 2024

RTD Board of Directors  
1660 Blake Street  
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Directors of the RTD Board,

We, the undersigned organizations and community leaders, are writing to express our support for a referred measure on the November 2024 ballot regarding an exemption for RTD from TABOR's revenue and spending limitations, with no sunset provision.

As you know, public transit is essential to our community. Access to reliable, affordable, and safe public transportation options is critical for addressing systemic disparities in health outcomes, reducing pollution and increasing access to housing, food, education, employment, services and recreation. People who live, go to school, and work in our region cannot afford to experience the millions of dollars in cuts to RTD’s essential functions and services that would follow inaction on RTD’s TABOR revenue and spending limitations.

We urge you to act now to ensure that RTD retains 100 percent of the tax revenue collected within the district to avoid disruptions to transit riders and to secure the district’s financial sustainability.

Sincerely,

Molly McKinley, Policy Director, Denver Streets Partnership

Danny Katz, Executive Director, CoPIRG

Julie Reiskin, Co-Executive Director, Colorado Cross Disability Coalition

Alejandra X. Castañeda, Co-Organizer, Pedestrian Dignity

Jacob Smith, Executive Director, National Organizations for Youth Safety (NOYS)

Mike Hughes, Executive Director, West Corridor Transportation Management Association

Richard Bamber, James Flattum, Leslie Welch, Co-Leads, Greater Denver Transit

Matt Frommer, Transportation & Land Use Policy Manager, Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (SWEEP)

Jennifer Gremmert, Chief Executive Officer, Energy Outreach Colorado

Heidi Williams, Executive Director, Metro Mayors Caucus (on behalf of the 38 mayor members)

Lawrence Brogan, Director, Strong Denver
Sara Schueneman, State Director, AARP Colorado
June Churchill, Denver Bike Mayor, Denver Bicycle Lobby & Greater Denver Transit
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