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Good evening CCTA Board, Staff and Members of the Public:

My name is Debbie Toth and I'm the President and CEO of Choice in Aging; a 76-year old non-profit organization serving frail elders, adults with disabilities, and youth, based in Pleasant Hill. I regret I cannot be there in person to attend the meeting and share my thoughts with you face to face. I wanted to commend Outgoing Chair Newell Arnerich on his leadership and thank him for his dedication and commitment to a more equitable and seamless system of transit for all members of our community.

I recognize that the CCTA Board now has a lot of new members and I am excited to see how accessible transportation plays out with this new board. I wanted to make myself available to any of the new board members or any of the older board members who may want to discuss or understand the needs of riders above and beyond paratransit. Often when we talk about transportation for older adults and people with disabilities, we tend to hyper focus on paratransit, which is a function of the Americans with Disabilities Act, but is not a one size fits all solution to the needs of all of our community members. This is the reason that we have specialized transportation in day programs, cities, volunteer driver programs, and more.

And I know I have shared this in the past, but I feel compelled to share again - the deep deep gratitude I have for the leadership and team at CCTA who are clearly committed to understanding the needs of all community members. I am hopeful with this new board that we will continue to see forward movement in creating a more seamless equitable system of transit for everyone who needs it.

Thank you for your time.

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