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Pace

Attn: External Relations

550 W. Algonquin Rd.

Arlington Heights, IL.

RE: Elimination of Pace Bus Routes in Naperville

Sent by Email

Sent by US Mail

Dear Directors,

I'm writing to you as the President of the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation, the umbrella organization representing over 100 homeowner associations that, in turn, represents some 145,000 Naperville residents. As an organization we are proud of our motto of Neighbor to Neighbor and it is from that concern of neighbors caring for each other that I write this letter.

We have been notified that Pace is proposing to eliminate 5 commuter bus routes that are faithfully used by some 150 residents to get to and from the Naperville METRA train stations on a daily basis.

I'm writing to simply ask you to reconsider your potential plans for elimination of selected bus routes. Some of the reasons I offer in defense of keeping the existing bus routes include:

- available parking for these 150 residents, if they elected to drive to a METRA station, is virtually non-existent with people placed on waiting lists for years before parking becomes available;
- traffic congestion and air pollution during rush hours is almost unbearable and would not fare well with an additional 150 cars added to the mix;
- these 150 souls depend upon these 5 commuter feeder routes to be able to get to work in Chicago;
- as economic conditions change with ever increasing fuel costs, it appears that Pace offers a common sense, cost effective solution to getting our residents to the METRA stations;
- the City of Naperville has educated its residents about the value of Pace especially keeping their cars off of the streets near the METRA stations to reduce congestion and finally
- the future of mass transit is always targeted at removing cars from the road and having people commute via public transportation.

Simply, we as residents believe in the future and the need for mass transit...period.

Therefore, I believe the elimination of the proposed 5 bus routes is NOT in the best interest of our residents, Pace or METRA. I further believe that the City and Pace need to establish a working dialog with each other to review all of the METRA Feeder Routes to determine a workable strategy to remain in the future of mass transit and to continue serving our Naperville residents, our neighbors.

Our homeowners appreciate and value Pace and how effective it has been for transportation to the METRA stations. We see a real value in maintaining this service. I can be reached at my office 630-357-5554 (back line) or by email at drbobbuckman@sbcglobal.net should you have any questions regarding the Naperville Area Homeowners Confederation's support of our neighbors and their present and future utilization of Pace.

Sincerely,



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