**Individual Letter to City Council in Support of Citilink**

[Your Name]
[Your Address]
[City, State, ZIP]
[Date]

**City Council Members**
Fort Wayne City Council
200 E Berry St, Suite 485
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Dear City Council Members,

As a resident of Fort Wayne, I am writing to express my strong support for the continued funding of Citilink, our local public transportation system. Citilink provides a critical service for many people in our community, connecting them to jobs, healthcare, education, and essential services that they might otherwise be unable to access.

Public transportation is the backbone of a thriving city, allowing residents of all backgrounds and income levels to participate in community life. For many of my neighbors, Citilink is not just a convenience but a necessity. **[If applicable: I, too, have relied on Citilink for transportation and understand firsthand how vital it is to our city’s functioning.]**

Reducing or cutting Citilink services would disproportionately affect those who are already vulnerable, including low-income families, seniors, people with disabilities, and individuals without access to private transportation. At a time when Fort Wayne is growing, we should be investing in our public transit system, not scaling it back. A well-funded and reliable public transit system helps reduce traffic congestion, improves air quality, and supports the local economy.

If this budget is not approved, Citilink will have to reduce service by 14%, which would result in a loss of 300,000 trips and over $12 million in lost economic activity. I’m willing to pay one dollar a month to keep access open for everyone in our city, so we all remain linked to opportunity.

I urge the City Council to fully fund Citilink and protect the public transportation services that so many residents rely on. Public transit is not only a practical necessity; it’s a statement of our city’s commitment to inclusion, opportunity, and a sustainable future.

Thank you for your time and for your service to our community. I hope you will consider the importance of maintaining and expanding public transportation as you make decisions about the city’s budget.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
[Your Contact Information]