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Dear Mr Wallace:

I am concerned about transit access. The MTC has been discussing income based fare reductions and I am sorry to see that AC Transit is not a part of this. Income disparities continue to grow throughout the country and the bay area has among the widest. With the huge regional variation in housing costs and the rapid turnover in jobs many people in the bay area are very dependent on public transit - I for instance get to work by train. This is particularly true for lower income people for whom transit costs are typically a larger percentage of income. It is essential that AC Transit respond to these pressures to keep the bay area a connected community rather than disintegrating into closed neighborhoods.

Please assure me that you will back income based fares.

I am very proud to be a Berkeley resident and a large part of that derives from our rational progressive policies.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson