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Dear Mr Peeples:

I am concerned about transit access. The MTC has been discussing income based fares but 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 commute by train. This dependence is particularly true for lower income people without company buses or affordable parking for whom transport costs are often a larger percentage of income. It is essential that ACTransit respond to these pressures to keep the bay area a connected community.

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