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Dirk Jablonski  
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Dear Mr. Jablonski,

I am writing to you because I use an electric wheelchair, and that restricts me from accessing public transportation after 5:00 pm. The city seems to be saying, " If you need a lift to get into a bus, you can just stay home at night." This restricts my life greatly. I would like to attend concerts, go shopping, see movies, and meet family and friends. This mobility restriction does not allow me to live my life to it's fullest potential.

I have spoken to Ross, the Director of Dial-A-Ride, and my understanding is that Federal Funds for Dial-A-Ride to expand it's service to the Disabled Community are available. The city Council has not yet voted to allocate the matching funds to allow this service to become available.

Discuss my concerns with your committee, the city council, and anyone you feel would be resourceful in solving this problem.

Inform me of your committee's next meeting date and time. You may reach me at 605.209.2302, or my address listed above.

Regards,  
  
Deborah Heinle