

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

Thank you very much for reaching out to me as a 2018 candidate for the Tennessee 19<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District Seat. As a thirty-one year resident of Nashville-Davidson County, I am keenly aware of its cultural and economic transformation over recent years. Moreover, as a 2015 Candidate for the Metropolitan Council (District 1), I have had the chance to closely consider the arguments for and against transit plans in Nashville and neighboring counties. Ultimately, local policies related to local transit planning lies in the hands of the local government and its citizens.

As "Senator" in general, my first concern is for the constituents of Tennessee Senate District 19 and then the state abroad. Please see my specific responses to the questions posed in your letter below.

1. What efforts will you make to address the multimodal transportation challenges facing the growing cities, towns and regions in Tennessee?

*My candidacy is predicated on the concept of constituent empowerment. Accordingly, I will be directly engaging constituents to proffer the best plans for transportation challenges. Additionally, I will work with other legislators to produce good, cost effective and responsible legislation.*

2. How should the state support cities' efforts to build competitive transit systems?

*The two ways the state can assist local cities in transit systems matters are legislative advisement and appropriate allocation of resources.*

3. How will you work towards reducing roadway fatalities, including the increasing number of pedestrian fatalities, in our state?

*I will work within the current construct of the Tennessee Department of Safety and Motor Vehicle's initiatives for reducing roadway fatalities.*

Sincerely,

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