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[Invitee's Full Name]

[Office Address of Invitee]

[City, State, ZIP Code]

Dear [TITLE] [NAME],

As the [TITLE] of [ORGANIZATION], [description of organization], I am writing to extend an invitation to you to participate in a national initiative that gives a deep understanding of the daily challenges faced by a significant portion of your constituents. The initiative is called "Week Without Driving." It will take place this year from **September 30th to October 6th**, and its premise is simple and profound.

The Week Without Driving challenge is built on the understanding that nearly one-third of the population in the United States—encompassing individuals with disabilities, young people, seniors, and those who are economically unable to afford cars or the cost of gasoline—relies on walking, rolling, transit, and seeking rides. For them, this is an everyday reality, not a choice. This stark disparity often remains invisible by those who have the privilege of driving and owning a car, leading to a gap in our collective understanding and empathy towards the mobility challenges faced by nondrivers.

The challenge invites **[elected/public]** officials, like yourself, who have the option to drive, to voluntarily abstain from driving themselves in their vehicles for one week. Instead, they are encouraged to experience and navigate the world through the modes of transportation available to nondrivers in their community, including taking transit, asking for rides, walking, rolling or biking. The goal is not only to highlight the barriers and challenges encountered but also to stimulate a community-wide conversation on how we can invest in more accessible and inclusive transportation solutions that cater to everyone's needs.

Your participation in the Week Without Driving would send a powerful message about our shared commitment to understanding your constituents' diverse experiences. It would also provide invaluable insights into the practicalities of our current transportation systems and the areas where investments are needed. Engagement in this challenge has the power to catalyze significant change and foster a profound sense of community solidarity. This week offers an opportunity for us to work alongside nondrivers in our efforts to innovate and enhance our community's mobility and accessibility.

I sincerely hope you will consider joining us in this meaningful endeavor. Your leadership and participation would greatly enrich the conversation and contribute to the momentum needed to create lasting improvements in our community's transportation infrastructure and policies. Thank you for considering this invitation. I am eager to discuss this opportunity further and am available to provide any additional information or support you may need.

Sincerely,

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