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Alderman Donovan calls on mayor to mediate transit dispute

**Statement from Alderman Bob Donovan
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The overwhelming majority of Milwaukee County Transit System riders are city residents who rely on the bus to get to work, to school, and to the doctor. This fact makes it absolutely necessary for the mayor to get involved in helping end the bus driver work stoppage.

Yes, the work stoppage is disproportionately impacting residents of Milwaukee, and I might point out that the people being impacted are those who can least afford to be impacted!

This morning I had the opportunity to meet with some of the bus drivers, and I've been around long enough to know that there are two sides to every story. But I am calling on the mayor to step in and provide the leadership necessary to bring the work stoppage to an end as quickly as possible.

If it were up to me, I would call both sides into my office, lock the door, and no one would leave until we ironed out an agreement.

Obviously, the work stoppage is negatively impacting our economy, and the timing couldn't be worse for Summerfest attendees and workers.

But I am concerned for the little guy in this whole scenario – workers, seniors, and children who are just trying to live their lives on a daily basis. The ability to get to where they need to be must be restored, and as soon as possible.

So Mr. Mayor, here's your chance to show some leadership – so don't miss the bus!

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