

Below is a template that can be used as a conversation starter in which to advocate for evening, weekend and after hours transportation services. Feel free to use the letter as is and simply fill in the appropriate information or use it as inspiration to draft your own conversation starter/letter to advocate for these transportation services.

Dear **[Sirs/Person/Entity/Organization]**,

As a **[person/individual/advocate/member of the SPIL Transportation Group]** I advocate for the transportation needs of our older adults and those living with disabilities. Hearing from those **[I/we]** serve whose lives depend on public transportation not only for planned destinations but for “spur of the moment” transportation needs, it has come to **[my/our]** attention that the availability of off hours and weekend accessible transportation is nearly nonexistent. Like many of our fellow citizens without disabilities the occasional necessity for unplanned nonmedical transportation needs arising from personal or family issues are an unexpected reality. Unlike many of our fellow citizens without disabilities many of us cannot just hop in the car and go where and when we need to. I am urging you to assist **[local transit service/authorities]** with matching funds to provide these types of transportation services for needs that arise out of a moment's notice. Your compassionate contribution/s to the cause of needed accessible transportation will have a huge positive impact on the lives of so many Kansans.

Sincerely,

[Your name]