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## **“Thank you Transit Workers!”**

### **Sierra Club asks residents across WI to join in a collective “Thank you” on Get on Board Day - April 16th**

Across the state, transit workers serve their communities during this unprecedented emergency. They are risking their lives every day to make sure that people can continue to get to their jobs, the grocery store, pharmacy or hospital. We are urging everyone to “Get On Board” on April 16th and say “Thank you” in a visible but physically distant and safe way.

“I want to say thank you to the bus drivers -- whom I used to see and thank every day when I was still going out. Back before Covid-19, when I was still going out, I was able to see and thank the drivers of my “big green limousine” every day” said **Joyce Tang Boyland from Milwaukee**. “Now, while I have the luxury of working from home, they don’t have that luxury. Instead, they are out there providing the essential service of getting our front line workers to their essential posts, and getting people safely to their grocery shopping.” she continued.

Dozens of individuals participated across the state and several organizations co-sponsored this effort: Wisconsin Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired, 1000 Friends of Wisconsin, WISPIRG, WISDOM and many of its local affiliates around the state, Wisconsin Green Muslims, First Unitarian Society of Madison, and more. Through our joint efforts, more than 100 handsewn masks will be donated to various transit systems across the state.

In **La Crosse**, **Cathy Van Maren** explained why she was participating in Get On Board Day. “Public transportation helps people get to work and school, shopping, services, and social events. It helps families and communities save money. And it reduces overall greenhouse gas emissions. We need to make sure everyone understands the vital role strong public transportation will play in a more equitable sustainable future.” she said.

“I know that for many people, our bus system is a lifeline. Getting to work, healthcare and groceries would not be possible without bus service. I want to express my gratitude to the bus drivers who continue to serve our community in Madison during this difficult time.” said **Liz Wessel from Madison**.

The Sierra Club John Muir Chapter has called on its members, supporters, allies, the media, and the broader community to take a visible action on April 16th.

- Homeowners can make personalized yard signs or chalk thank you messages.
- Pedestrians Walkers can give passing drivers a wave or thumbs up.
- Media and businesses can post signs and say something on their websites.
- Sewers can [make masks for transit drivers](#), who have limited access to personal protective equipment.

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