COLUMBUS, OHIO

Focus Area

“I’ve been to the grocery store before on a COTA bus and it’s not nice. It’s me and my kids....Because you have so much, so many bags to carry and they get tired. And it was just too much.

“Basically, now since they changed the bus routes, it takes me forever, about an hour and a half just to go to the store.

“They go buy their old bread, or the bread other stores don’t want to sell, they want to charge you $2 for some stale bread. I would rather take the time and go the farther.”

“I was just lookin’ at the dates and the dates was like, like not even correct. There was one from 2014 and like that’s expired. So basically, I have to make sure that the stuff was in date. Like when I went to go uh, check out, I didn’t get to… I got like a baby receipt, that would say one thing, that was it and I was like, it don’t even tell you everything that you got.

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“Gots to have a vehicle.”

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