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### **Mayor Pierce Announces Weather Response and Service Changes Amid Heavy Snowfall**

In response to the heavy lake effect snow warning currently affecting Jefferson County, Mayor Sarah Compo Pierce provides an update on the city's response and changes in services.

The Department of Public Works is fully deployed with assistance with support from other Departments. They are focusing their efforts on main streets and those with hills more frequently than usual, with secondary streets being next in line. Despite the heavy snowfall, all streets remain passable, albeit slippery.

For the safety of passengers and staff, CitiBus Services will be suspended today. All routes are expected to complete their runs and return to the CitiBus Transfer Station by 12:55 p.m. However, Paratransit operations will continue until all clients are safely returned home.

Due to the weather conditions, the library will close at 5 p.m. today. The board of trustees is closely monitoring the situation and will provide updates if conditions necessitate an even earlier closure.

Please note that the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting that was scheduled for 7 pm tonight has been rescheduled due to the ongoing weather conditions. The meeting will now be held next Wednesday, January 24 at 6:00 p.m.

**Jefferson County Travel Advisory:** Bands of lake effect snow have settled over central and southern Jefferson County. In response to these conditions, Sheriff Peter Barnett has issued a travel advisory for all of Jefferson County.

Mayor Pierce said, "The safety and wellbeing of our residents is our top priority. We urge everyone to avoid unnecessary travel and stay updated on the latest information."