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Honorable Martin O'Malley  
Office of the Governor  
100 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1925

Dear Governor O'Malley:

**Re: WMATA Funding for FY 2011**

We are writing to urge you to fund the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's FY 11 operating budget at a level that will not reduce service on its Metrorail and Metrobus system.

The service reductions proposed in WMATA's budget would potentially reduce peak and off peak capacity service hours, and truncate lines on the Metrorail system. The potential impact on bus service would be even greater. WMATA is a vital economic engine in our region and we cannot afford to reduce its service and strangle recovery in our region.

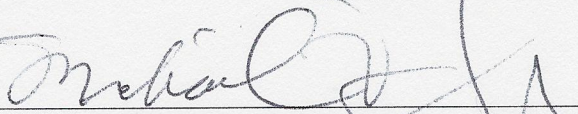
WMATA is also proposing fare increases that total near \$90 million but still has a \$40 million gap even after proposing \$34 million in service reductions.

Closing this gap without service reductions would require an additional contribution from Maryland to WMATA's FY 11 operating budget of approximately \$29 million. As members of the General Assembly, we realize these are challenging budgetary times, but this is one expense we cannot forego.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request.

Respectfully,

  
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