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The Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Maryland Governor  
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1924

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
Senate President  
State House, H-107  
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The Honorable Michael E. Busch  
Speaker of the House  
State House, H-101  
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The Honorable Jim Rosapepe, Chair  
Prince George's County Senate Delegation  
James Senate Office Building, Room 314  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

The Honorable Jay Walker, Chair  
Prince George's County House Delegation  
Low House Office Building, Room 207E  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

The Honorable Nancy King, Chair  
Montgomery County Senate Delegation  
James Senate Office Building, Room 223  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

The Honorable Shane Robinson, Chair  
Montgomery County House Delegation  
Low House Office Building, Room 223  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Re: **Support for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments'  
Position on Metro Operations, Long-Term Funding and State of Good Repair**

Dear Governor Hogan, President Miller, Speaker Busch, Chair Rosapepe, Chair Walker, Chair King, and Chair Robinson:

We, the undersigned leaders of the Prince George's and Montgomery County, write in support of long-term dedicated funding of Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority ("Metro or WMATA") and other actions supporting the restoration of Metro to a world class system that is safe, efficiently managed, and maintained in a state of good repair.

In 2017 the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Board of Directors ("COG Board") adopted two resolutions regarding the operation and capital funding of Metro; namely, the "Statement of Principles on Metro" and adoption of long-term dedicated funding of Metro and other actions supporting the restoration of Metro. We applaud and support the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Board in their efforts to seek consensus on this vital issue. The COG Board has identified restoring Metro as its top regional priority reflecting the critical role Metro plays in the success of the region's economy, transportation mobility, and overall quality of life.

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The COG Board, in adoption of its resolutions, emphasized that following critical requirements for WMATA that we jointly support:

- Support the identification and enactment by the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia of long-term dedicated bondable, reliable, and sustainable funding that, together with the Federal government, collectively provides \$500 million per year of additional funding beyond FY 2017 levels of commitment, and that grows with the economy, implemented by no later than July 1, 2019 (FY 2020) to support WMATA's capital funding requirements.
- Support fully funding WMATA's capital funding needs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 (FY 2019) on a one-year interim basis should long-term dedicated funding not be in place. The Board of Directors state that any temporary short-term capital funding allocation be done in accordance with the current WMATA capital funding formula.
- Urge the Federal government to reauthorize its existing funding commitments for FY 2019 (PRIIA and transit formula grants) and by no later than July 1, 2019 (FY 2020) to increase its funding commitment by \$125 million per year to support WMATA's long-term capital funding requirements.
- Support that new long-term funding should be allocated through equal  $\frac{1}{4}$  shares of the \$500 million annual increased contribution, with the federal government allocating its  $\frac{1}{4}$  in addition to the local shares.
- It is essential that complementary governance and reform actions are taken resulting in enhancement of WMATA's management and operational efficiency, thereby enabling best utilization of new dedicated funding

We jointly support and believe that these principles and actions regarding the operation and long-term dedicated capital financing of Metro, outlined by the COG Board, are essential for ensuring that the Metro system operation is within the framework of accountability and enhanced WMATA management and operational efficiency. The State of Maryland should contribute at least an additional \$125 million per year toward WMATA's long-term capital needs.

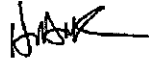
For these reasons, we urge you and the State of Maryland, working with the Federal, State and local governments, to adopt and implement the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Board of Directors resolutions regarding the operation and capital funding of Metro. We thank you for your consideration and look forward to working with you and the General Assembly on this important transit priority for our jurisdictions.

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Sincerely,



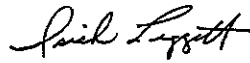
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