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The Honorable Chris Van Hollen  
United States Senate  
110 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin  
United States Senate  
509 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senators Van Hollen and Cardin:

We write on behalf of Prince George's County to urge your support and commitment to provide continued federal funding of the Metro transit system. The federal Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (PRIIA) is essential, providing \$1.5 billion over a ten-year period with equal contributions from the governments of Maryland, District of Columbia, and Virginia, but increased federal funding is also needed to maintain the Metro transit system in a state of good repair.

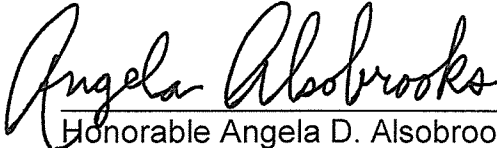
In 2018, Prince George's County was proud to join our local and state partners in Maryland to pass the Maryland Metro/Transit Funding Act. This unprecedented legislation provided additional dedicated funding for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). By working in collaboration with The District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Virginia and regional partners, the region collectively took legislative and budgetary actions to commit an additional \$500 million a year to fund essential capital improvements to the Metro system.

We believe that the federal government, as a signatory to the Metro Compact, must continue to provide dedicated funding critical to the safety and reliability of the system. WMATA service is essential to the operation of the federal government, as more than half of the Metrorail stations serve federal facilities and approximately 40 percent of morning peak-period customers are federal employees.

Addressing WMATA's long-term capital funding needs continues to be a top priority for Prince George's County, the state of Maryland and all of the jurisdictions in the Metro Compact. As the current ten-year \$1.5 billion commitment under the PRIIA is set to expire this year, Prince George's County joins our regional partners in urging the federal government to extend and increase existing funding commitments for Metro as proposed by the **Metro Safety, Accountability, and Investment Act of 2019 (S.1663)**.

Your collaboration is essential to securing the additional funding needed to ensure the safety and reliability of the system. We appreciate your leadership on this initiative and look forward to the next steps to continue funding for Metro.

Sincerely,

  
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Honorable Angela D. Alsobrooks  
County Executive

  
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Honorable Todd M. Turner  
County Council Chair

cc: Prince George's County Council Members  
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Honorable Nancy Navarro, Montgomery County Council President  
Honorable Larry Hogan, Maryland Governor  
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