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Senator Guy Guzzone
and Members, Budget & Tax Committee
Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Senate Bill 126, the Maryland Metro Funding Act of 2024

Dear Senator Guzzone and Senate Budget and Tax Committee Members:

My family and I live in District 16 and have been car free for over 20 years. We rely on Metro as a key part of our daily transportation. We use it to commute for work, doctors visits, trips to all 3 airports, grocery shopping, and everything else related to daily life. Metro is essential to us. Metro's accessibility even allows us to easily travel with our bicycles when needed to complete our journeys.

I know we are not alone in relying on Metro. Essential workers and our less able neighbors, and senior citizens rely on Metro because it is accessible, affordable and reliable.

While the General Assembly passed a dedicated funding bill for Metro in 2018, the pandemic has created an unexpected shortfall and Senate Bill 126 would allow the Assembly to provide the needed funding now.

Shrinking Metro services would be the equivalent of eliminating lanes on I495 and I270 to save money.

I urge you to support SB 126. Supporting SB 126 supports key goals of Maryland including equity, climate and vision zero.

Best regards,



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