



Chair Marc Korman
and Members, Environment and Transportation Committee
House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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House Bill 386 – Metro Funding Modification Act of 2026 – Favorable

Dear Chair Korman and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee:

My name is Dan Reed and I serve as the Maryland Policy Director for Greater Greater Washington, a nonprofit that works to advance sustainability and equity in housing, land use, and transportation throughout Greater Washington and beyond. **GGWash strongly supports House Bill 386**, the Metro Funding Modification Act.

Everyone in Maryland benefits from Metro, even if they don't personally use the system. In addition to reducing traffic congestion, our transit system connects hundreds of thousands of people each day to jobs, education, health care, and leisure. It supports our economy by catalyzing billions of dollars of investment at stations like Bethesda and New Carrollton. Today, Maryland is one of the nation's wealthiest states in large part due to Metro.

Yet this success is threatened by the lack of a reliable funding source, resulting in reduced service, delayed maintenance, and missed opportunities for expansion. House Bill 386 is the product of the DMVMoves Task Force, an 18-month process that brought together jurisdictions across DC, Maryland, and Virginia to find a sustainable funding source for Metro and issue recommendations, which were released last fall. As written, it would create a dedicated funding stream for Metro, providing \$150 million each year beginning in Fiscal Year 2029 and increasing that funding 3% each year to maintain that support over time.

The Washington, DC region is great  and it can be greater.



By 2029, WMATA will no longer be able to issue debt, meaning it is imperative that Maryland works with its neighbors in DC and Virginia to keep the system funded. This bill is Maryland's contribution to a solution that will keep our entire state moving, and we urge the Environment and Transportation Committee for a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Reed". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dan" and the last name "Reed" clearly distinguishable.

Dan Reed
Maryland Policy Director