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Dear Members of the Maryland General Assembly,

On behalf of the Transit Caucus, we are writing to express our endorsement of **HB386 / SB281: Metro Funding Modification Act of 2026**. As advocates for transportation-related legislation before the General Assembly, we believe this bill is essential to our mission of ensuring a more sustainable, efficient, and accessible transit system for all residents. We are confident that its passage will have a positive impact on our communities, economy, and environment.

The goal of HB 386/ SB 281 is to add an additional \$150 million (to grow annually 3% each year, effective FY29) of capital funding on top of the base \$167m as long as Virginia and Washington DC do the same for their portion of their funding commitments. This is designed to meet WMATA's long-term capital needs on a regional basis. This funding contributes to the Capital Improvement Project that focuses on restoring and sustaining safety, security, reliability, and a state of good repair. WMATA leverages its capital funding to issue bonds to fund this program and its project. This current method of funding is reaching its limit. As WMATA revises its budget and looks at new funding methods, it is important to ensure everyone is contributing their fair share. This bill would guarantee that Maryland is paying an equitable amount to the WMATA capital dedicated fund, following its regional partners D.C. and Virginia, so long as they are doing the same.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this bill. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We look forward to working with you as we build a better Maryland transportation system for all.

Thank you,

Senator Cory McCray, Co-Chair

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