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Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

June 27, 2022

Dear Addressees,

Subject: 11Y Metrobus Route/Service, request support permanent restoration of full 11Y service.

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) members were pleased to learn of plans announced by WMATA on June 15, 2022 that Metro intends to restore 11Y bus service "as a Free Shuttle" as an alternative during the Yellow Line service disruptions starting in Fall 2022 and offer other shuttle bus service.

We strongly support this decision and ask that **WMATA and Fairfax County support permanent restoration of full 11Y route/service** after the Yellow Line disruptions end. The 11Y provides direct service to major employment centers (1) and will be needed by Mount Vernon residents as Federal agencies and other businesses transition to in person work. The 11Y is faster than driving or taking a bus plus Metrorail. Direct service encourages the use of public transit, while transfers and longer commute times create barriers that discourage ridership. Before the pandemic, the 11Y was one of the more profitable routes.

The 11Y will become even more attractive as gasoline prices continue to rise. If commuters are able to resume riding the 11Y permanently, their commute will produce less carbon dioxide emissions. Additionally, the presence of direct service enhances

property values in communities near the route.

Thanks for your ongoing support of public transit in the Mount Vernon District of Fairfax County.

Sincerely,

Katherine Ward

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(1) Workplaces served by the 11Y include the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Interior, State and Treasury; the Smithsonian; the Holocaust Museum; the Environmental Protection Agency; the US Agency for International Development; the Office of Management and Budget; the Office of Personnel Management; the World Bank; the International Monetary Fund; the Federal Reserve; and major law firms and non-profit organizations.

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