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Chairman Sam Graves
Highway and Transit Subcommittee
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
2251 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Graves,

Thank you for holding an oversight hearing to examine how the safety and reliability of Metro can be improved.

As the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for 6B10, I represent DC residents who live next to the Stadium Armory metro stop. This station will be closed from June 18th to July 3rd so that Metro employees can make much-needed repairs to the system.

My residents support the safety repairs, but the closure of the station will create significant problems for those who use Metro to go to work, get groceries, or visit friends. They will be forced to walk to another metro station, a mile away to enter the system. For my younger residents, the burden will be the extra time it takes to walk to the other station. But for my older residents, the closure means two plus weeks of relying on family members to drive them to doctor's appointments, church, and social gatherings.

Given the hardship placed on my residents, please ask Mr. Wiedefeld why Metro employees allowed the system to degrade to the point where fires and smoke in metro stations are a daily reality. Why is this an acceptable situation?

Metro received millions of dollars from the Departments of Homeland Security and Transportation over the past ten years to improve the system. To receive this money, Metro officials had to certify the safety and security of the system. Who signed these documents? My residents want names. Someone is responsible for this mess and they need to be held accountable.

Thank you for holding the hearing. Like you, ANC6B10 residents want answers and we want them now.

Sincerely,



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ANC6B10 Commissioner