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(Senate Joint Resolution No. 11)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

## Washington Metro Rail System - Federal Funding

FOR the purpose of expressing the General Assembly's strong opposition to any reduction of federal funds for the construction of the Washington Metro rail system; and urging President Reagan and the Congress of the United States to act vigorously to assure that the federal government provides its full share of construction funds to complete the entire ~~101~~ 103 miles of the Metro rail system.

WHEREAS, The Washington Metro rail system, which serves the nation's capital and the millions of people who live, work, and visit there, should be a model system; and

WHEREAS, The completed portions of the Metro system have promoted economic growth, access to employment, reduction of traffic congestion, and a cleaner, healthier environment; and

WHEREAS, Failure to complete the entire Metro rail system would assure the continuance of the disparity that exists in the Washington metropolitan area regarding access to the workplace, preventing many citizens from sharing in the economic growth and prosperity that have accompanied the development of Metro rail in other parts of the region; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of the Washington metropolitan area, through their local governments, have contributed billions of dollars for Metro rail construction based on the expectation that a full ~~101~~ 103-mile regional system would be completed; and

WHEREAS, The dream of an area-wide mass transit rail system could never have begun to be realized without the strong and consistent support of the citizens of the entire region, including those who have yet to see the benefits of the system reach their neighborhoods, and who continue to wait at the end of the line; and

WHEREAS, Completion of the entire ~~101~~ 103-mile system is endangered by the federal government's threat to cut off all funds for Metro rail construction; and

WHEREAS, Anything less than completion of the entire Metro rail system would signify a serious breach of the commitment made by the federal government to create a model transit system to serve the entire Washington area and the nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General Assembly strongly opposes any effort to reduce the