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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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Governor Larry Hogan
100 State Circle
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Dear Governor

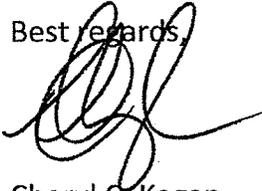
I hope your interim has been relaxing so far. As you know, Metro's Red Line will be single-tracking for a significant part of August, and a segment will be closed through much of October. On safety maintenance days, the delays will be extremely disruptive to the over 50,000 people who commute Down-County and into Washington DC. It is vital that frequent, reliable, and comfortable buses replace Metro to meet the transit needs for those commuting to work. It is also important to have reliable transportation for visitors enjoying our State on vacation.

I often describe my Senate District as "up the Red Line," so I am always concerned about any impending challenges to my constituents and to the rest of Montgomery and Frederick County commuters who choose WMATA.

At the Montgomery County Council meeting on June 23 (see <http://bit.ly/299npwO> starting at 48:00), County DOT Director Al Roshdieh estimated the cost of increasing bus service to compensate for line closures and delays to be as much as \$1,000,000. Because it is the State of Maryland that is a member of the WMATA compact, I believe it should be the State -- and not the County -- that provides funding for this emergency transportation issue. Can you confirm for us that the State will be a full partner in the continued economic success of Montgomery County, one of Maryland's key economic engines?

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this pressing matter; I hope your Administration can help to mitigate possibly disastrous delays during these necessary but inconvenient safety improvements to Metro. I look forward to hearing from you or your staff soon.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Cheryl C. Kagan', written over the text 'Best regards,'.

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