

TESTIMONY OF THE COMMITTEE OF 100 TO WMATA REGARDING

PROPOSED CUTS IN METRO/BUS SERVICES

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The Committee of 100 on the Federal City opposes the proposed drastic cuts in the Metro/bus system put forward by the Metro board. To the contrary, we believe it is incumbent on the Board to find full funding for Metro.

There is no element of the area transportation system more important to the operation and development of our nation's capitol than Metro. The cuts proposed would further the decline of Metro as our essential transportation system. The continued physical and management decline of the system is a major component of Metro's failure to attract and keep passengers. Metro must be a priority in all funding decisions by our local governments and the Federal government. Metro has been long known as the "Nation's System". Do not reduce it to a shadow of what was once the greatest public work of the 20th Century.

The Committee of 100 on the Federal City has been a key player for over 80 years in the planning of Washington, DC and a strong advocate for the Metro system since its early planning in the 1950s. The organization has been an active proponent of mass transit for the Washington Metropolitan area and, from the inception, the Committee of 100 successfully opposed the development of a freeway system through the city.

Metro is crucial to our national as well as our local interests. Save it, don't kill it.

Testimony by Richard Wolf on behalf of the Committee of 100 on the Federal City