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The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

As representatives of more than one hundred businesses and nonprofits from the Metropolitan Washington region, we write to you today to thank you for your commitment to furthering our nation's rich legacy of innovative investments in transportation and infrastructure with the American Jobs Plan. As the administration and Congress seek to spur investments in transportation and infrastructure, **we urge you to support funding the \$10.7 billion Washington Union Station Expansion Project (SEP).**

As Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) and Maryland Area Regional Commuter's (MARC) busiest station and the Virginia Railway Express's (VRE) second busiest, Union Station requires immediate investments for its expansion and redevelopment. Serving over 100,000 passengers each day, Washington Union Station is the heart of the Nation's Capital and the gateway to the most heavily used rail corridor in the Western hemisphere. Over the next decade, ridership volumes on Amtrak, MARC, and VRE are estimated to reach two or three times their pre-pandemic levels. Despite its central and essential role, the station has not seen any infrastructure improvements since the 1990s. It has a dangerous backlog of deferred maintenance that presents significant ADA access, safety, and security issues. Without a serious upgrade, it will struggle to handle riders—and deliver national, regional, and local economic benefits.

This year the Federal Railroad Administration, in collaboration with Amtrak and the Union Station Redevelopment Corporation, will unveil the ten-year, \$10.7 billion Washington Union Station Expansion Project (SEP) to modernize facilities and create a world-class multimodal transit hub. Not only will the expansion double the station's capacity for Amtrak and commuter rail service, it will enhance safety, access, and vastly improve the customer experience for all users, including intercity bus riders, Metro passengers, bicyclists and pedestrians. The SEP will create 67,000 construction jobs over ten years and increase access to employment and talent throughout the region and the entire Northeast corridor.

Union Station is a critical hub in the larger rail network that connects the Northeast Corridor with the growing Southeast Corridor, and with a few tweaks, will unlock the return on investments being made by Maryland and Virginia to enable commuter trains to 'run through' to each other's tracks and stations for MARC and VRE.

The project will alleviate critical choke points, decrease trip times, add a state-of-the-art, naturally-lit bus facility, and create new station entrances with expanded pick-up and drop-off, and pedestrian and bicycle facilities that will enhance the efficacy of arrivals and departures and relieve vehicular congestion at Columbus Circle. The station's expansion will significantly influence the successful development of the air rights over the Union Station rail yard to transform the largest swath of underutilized space in the heart of our city and deliver substantial economic, housing, open space, and connectivity benefits for the Nation's Capital.

Investment in a transportation project such as Washington Union Station's expansion will ensure hardworking Americans and their families have equitable access to resources and opportunities throughout the region. The project is essential for enabling equitable, inclusive growth and to combatting our climate crisis.

The undersigned organizations support this vital effort, and we come together to urge you to support this investment in our nation's rail station and the region's long-term competitiveness.

Sincerely,

Federal City Council  
Greater Washington Partnership  
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Capital One  
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