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HAWDC Supports the Return of Late-Night Metro Hours

(Washington, D.C.) In response to Metro's General Manager's, Paul Wiedefeld, proposal to permanently reduce late-night service on Metro, earlier today, the District Council passed an emergency resolution urging Metro to restore late-night service at the conclusion of SafeTrack. HAWDC fully supports the Council's resolution pressing Metro to restore late-night service.

HAWDC understands Metro's need to perform track maintenance and provide a safe transportation system for all riders. However, Metro needs to develop a more sensible approach to finding track maintenance time outside of reducing late-night service hours. Cutting late-night service would have a severe impact on our member hotels. As the District's largest private employer, with a business that runs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, our Members need to ensure that their employees have reliable transportation to and from work. Hotel guests need to have reliable transportation that they can use to visit all of the wonderful attractions our city has to offer, including late-night dining and entertainment options, and be able to return safely to their hotels. "The District is extremely reliant on the hospitality and service industries for employment and supplying tax revenue. District hotels generate over \$227 million dollars in tax collections to the city each year. Permanently reducing late-night Metro service would severely impact both the industry and the District," says Solomon Keene, President & CEO. Keep Metro open with late-night service!

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Established in 1906, the Hotel Association of Washington, DC (www.hawdc.com) is a non-profit trade association representing the interests of member hotels in the District of Columbia on a variety of governmental and public affairs issues.

AH&LA (www.ahla.com) is a 93-year-old federation of state lodging associations throughout the United States with some 11,000-property members worldwide, representing more than 1.5 million guest rooms. AH&LA provides its members with assistance in operations, education, and communications, and lobbies on Capitol Hill to provide a business climate in which the industry can continue to prosper. Individual state associations provide representation at the state level and offer many additional cost-saving benefits.