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**Executive Director**  
Katherine A. Mattice

Board of Directors  
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority  
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RE: Request for Disclosure of Ethics Investigation Findings

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors:

As publicly reported in the [Washington Post](#), the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) Ethics Committee—a subset of the Board of Directors—recently closed an investigation into a Board member, the results of which have not been disclosed. The conduct that necessitated the ethics investigation raises concerns about the behavior of a Board member. Further, the lack of disclosure of the results of the investigation raises concerns about WMATA's transparency. The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVRTC) requests that the Ethics Committee make public information related to the investigation's findings, outcomes, recommendations, and actions, including but not limited to relevant documentation, records, meeting minutes and supporting materials.

Over the past several years, WMATA has asked a lot of the region and has also been a contributor to our success. NVRTC fought for, and, with the support of Virginia's General Assembly, helped WMATA secure regional dedicated funding. We continue to work to achieve the same success with the renewal of federal dedicated funding.

In return for the investment that Virginia's local and state government and taxpayers are making to WMATA, there must be accountability and transparency. When serious allegations are made and an investigation conducted, the results must be disclosed to the greatest extent possible and the public must be assured that appropriate action has been taken. The stakes are high, and WMATA is under great scrutiny. The failure to act transparently in this matter to date is not consistent with our expectations nor those of our funding partners and the public.

Releasing a report on the findings of the Ethics Committee's recently closed investigation will demonstrate WMATA's commitment to accountability and transparency and help the agency bolster the public's confidence as the region embarks on critical capital projects and funding requests.

On behalf of the Commission, I request that the WMATA Board take swift action to rectify this situation and demonstrate its commitment to transparency, accountability, and sound governance of one of our region's most important assets.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Letourneau". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Matthew F. Letourneau  
Chairman

CC: Governor Ralph Northam, Commonwealth of Virginia  
Governor Larry Hogan, State of Maryland  
Mayor Muriel Bowser, District of Columbia  
Chairman Phil Mendelsohn, Council of the District of Columbia