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Randy Clarke, General Manager and CEO
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Dear Mr. Clarke and WMATA Board Members,

On behalf of ANC 3/4G and the entire Chevy Chase community, I would like to express our gratitude for your decision to partially restore some of the bus service we lost and to significantly reduce the cuts proposed in WMATA's "Better Bus" initiative.

We especially appreciate the restoration of service previously lost with the cancellation of the old E6 route. This change allows residents in Hawthorne, Barnaby Woods, and Chevy Chase to once again access Metro and medical services in Friendship Heights directly.

We also commend you and your staff for collaborating with the ANC to maintain, as much as possible, the current E4 route through the heart of Chevy Chase. We recognize that the parking issue on McKinley Street remains unresolved, but we are thankful for your efforts to explore reasonable interim alternatives and potential solutions.

The preservation and restoration of bus service in our community is immensely significant. More importantly, your actions have helped restore public trust in WMATA's engagement with the residents it serves regarding service changes. Many ANC 3/4G Commissioners and community members attended various hearings, town halls, and other meetings this summer, and some community members expressed skepticism about the effectiveness of our voices, feeling we would be ignored by WMATA and DDOT. We are delighted to have proven them wrong and are able to inform them that their concerns were heard.

However, we would like to raise one additional issue for your consideration. It has come to our attention that the new C83 bus will stop on Oregon Avenue between Tennyson Street and Nebraska Avenue, near the Knollwood retirement community, but will not enter the property as the M4 currently does. The distance (several hundred yards) from Oregon Avenue to the Knollwood entrance poses a significant challenge for elderly residents, particularly in inclement weather. We kindly request that the C83, when it begins service next year, be allowed to enter the Knollwood property to facilitate pick-up and drop-off at the facility entrance on the west side of the building. We ask WMATA to confirm this arrangement.

We appreciate your attention to these matters and want to commend you for both the substance of your decisions and the transparent process that led to them. We look forward to your continued support, particularly regarding our request for the C83 service.

Thank you once again for your commitment to our community.

Sincerely,



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Chairperson,
ANC 3/4 G

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