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Chair Hudgins and Members of the Board:

As the Board considers making changes to Metro's station naming policy and, ultimately, approving new or revised names for several new and existing Metrorail stations, the Riders' Advisory Council wanted to raise its concern about the names proposed for stations on the Dulles Corridor extension.

The names, as proposed, do not comply with Metro's existing station naming policy that encourages distinctive station names that "evoke imagery." In addition, many of the proposed station names share part of their names (four stations which include the word "Tysons," three which include "Reston," and two which include "Herndon"). The Council is concerned that due to their repetitiveness and the fact that stations sharing parts of their names are all adjacent to one another, the proposed names will be confusing, especially to tourists or other infrequent riders and to individuals with disabilities.

The Council understands the importance of station names to guide riders through the Metro systems as well as their role in shaping communities. It is our hope that the Board will give careful consideration to both of those roles by reaffirming Metro's policy on station names as it decides on names for the Dulles corridor extension stations.

Thank you for your consideration of the Council's concerns. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can provide you with any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank DeBernardo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Frank DeBernardo, Chairman