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2 Chairman Phil Mendelson


Councilmember Charles Allen

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7 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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11 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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16 To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to
17 amend the Department of Transportation Establishment Act of 2002 to require the Director
18 to enter into an agreement with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority for
19 fare-free Metrobus travel and expanded after-hours Metrobus service in the District, to
20 establish the Fare-Free Bus Service Fund, to establish the Bus Service Enhancement Fund,
21 and to direct excess revenue to the Fare-Free Bus Service Fund and the Bus Service
22 Enhancement Fund.

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24 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
25 resolution may be cited as the “Fare-Free Bus Funding Congressional Review Emergency
26 Declaration Resolution of 2023”.

27 Sec. 2. (a) On December 6, 2022, the Council passed the Fare-Free Bus Funding
28 Emergency Amendment Act of 2022, effective December 8, 2022 (D.C. Act 24-699; 69 DCR
29 15138) (“emergency act”). The emergency act will expire on March 8, 2023.

30 (b) On December 20, 2022, the Council passed the Fare-Free Bus Funding Temporary Act
31 of 2022, enacted on January 26, 2023 (D.C. Act 24-797; __ DCR ____) (“temporary act”). The
32 temporary act was enacted on January 26, 2023, and it is now pending transmittal to Congress.

33 (c) To prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the emergency act and the
34 effective date of the temporary act, it is now necessary to pass this congressional review emergency
35 legislation.

36 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
37 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Fare-
38 Free Bus Funding Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2023 be adopted after a
39 single reading.

40 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.