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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MEADOWS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit
6 Authority (“WMATA”) provides approximately 2.3
7 million Metrorail and Metrobus trips per year across

1 the National Capital Region to Federal employees,
2 commuters, and millions of visitors to the Nation's
3 capital.

4 (2) Approximately 40 percent of WMATA peak-
5 hour commuters are Federal employees.

6 (3) WMATA began building its rail system in
7 1969 and currently serves 91 stations and has 117
8 miles of track.

9 (4) The Federal Transit Administration
10 ("FTA") and the National Transportation Safety
11 Board ("NTSB") have found significant safety con-
12 cerns resulting from a backlog of deferred mainte-
13 nance.

14 (5) By closing the system earlier on weekends
15 and expanding weekday maintenance, SafeTrack will
16 address FTA and NTSB safety recommendations
17 and deferred maintenance backlogs.

18 (6) The plan includes 15 "Safety Surges" with
19 around-the-clock single tracking or segment shut-
20 downs that will impact rush hour commutes.

21 (7) SafeTrack is scheduled to conclude in
22 March 2017.

23 (8) During the course of SafeTrack, WMATA
24 is encouraging customers to utilize other commuting
25 options, including ride-sharing services.

1 (9) The Federal Government, which is nega-
2 tively affected when its employees cannot easily com-
3 mute to and from work, has an interest in assisting
4 employees with alternate commuting options during
5 the course of SafeTrack.

6 **SEC. 2. RIDE-SHARING SERVICES PROVIDED BY A TRANS-**
7 **PORTATION NETWORK COMPANY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 132(f)
9 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by add-
10 ing at the end the following: “, or through the qualified
11 use of services provided by a transportation network com-
12 pany,”.

13 “(E) Any qualified ride-sharing service
14 provided after the date of the enactment of this
15 subparagraph and before June 1, 2017.”.

16 (b) QUALIFIED RIDE-SHARING SERVICES.—Para-
17 graph (5) of section 132(f) of such Code is amended by
18 adding at the end the following:

19 “(G) QUALIFIED RIDE-SHARING SERV-
20 ICE.—

21 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘quali-
22 fied ride-sharing service’ means transpor-
23 tation provided through a transportation
24 network company if—

1 “(I) such transportation is in
2 connection with travel between the
3 employee’s residence and place of em-
4 ployment, both of which are located
5 within the Washington Metropolitan
6 Area, and

7 “(II) the employee is an em-
8 ployee of a Government agency and
9 receives transit benefits from the
10 agency.

11 “(III) such transportation is
12 through the use of services that utilize
13 innovative mobility technologies to
14 provide alternatives to driving alone,
15 including car-share, bike-share, car-
16 pool or vanpool, multimodal fare pay-
17 ment system, app-based mobility pro-
18 vider, and other innovative projects.

19 “(ii) WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN
20 AREA.—The term ‘Washington Metropoli-
21 tan Area’ means the District of Columbia;
22 Montgomery, Prince George’s, and Fred-
23 erick Counties in Maryland; Arlington,
24 Fairfax, Loudon, and Prince William
25 Counties in Virginia; and all cities now or

1 hereafter existing in Maryland or Virginia
2 within the geographic area bounded by the
3 outer boundaries of the combined area of
4 said counties.”.

5 (c) LIMITATION ON EXCLUSION.—Paragraph (2) of
6 section 132(f) of such Code is amended by striking “sub-
7 paragraphs (A) and (B)” and inserting “subparagraphs
8 (A), (B), and (D)”.

9 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
10 this section shall apply to payments made after the date
11 of the enactment of this Act.

12 **SEC. 3. TRANSIT BENEFITS FOR SERVICES OF TRANSPOR-**
13 **TATION NETWORK COMPANIES.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—During the period beginning on
15 the date of enactment of this Act and ending on June 1,
16 2017, or a date determined under subsection (d), which-
17 ever is earlier, the head of any agency that has a program,
18 including any program established under section 7905 of
19 title 5, United States Code, or Executive Order 13150
20 (April 21, 2000; 65 Fed. Reg. 24613), to provide transit
21 benefits to employees of the agency shall provide transit
22 benefits to employees who use the services of transpor-
23 tation network companies within the Washington Metro-
24 politan Area in the same manner as such head provides

1 transit benefits to employees who use public transpor-
2 tation services within the Washington Metropolitan Area.

3 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—

4 (1) ELECTION.—An employee may receive
5 transportation network companies benefits under
6 this section only if the employee agrees in writing
7 not to accept any other transit benefit, including any
8 parking benefit, offered by the applicable agency
9 head while receiving such transportation network
10 companies benefits.

11 (2) LIMIT.—The amount of the transit benefit
12 provided to an employee under this section during
13 any month for the use of the services of transpor-
14 tation network companies may not exceed the
15 amount of the transit benefit that would have been
16 provided to the employee during the month for the
17 use of public transportation services.

18 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

19 (1) the term “transportation network company”
20 means a corporation, limited liability company, part-
21 nership, sole proprietor, or any other entity that uti-
22 lizes innovative mobility technologies to provide al-
23 ternatives to driving alone, including car-share, bike-
24 share, carpool or vanpool, multimodal fare payment

1 system, app-based mobility providers, and other in-
2 novative projects; and

3 (2) the term “Washington Metropolitan Area”
4 means the District of Columbia; Montgomery, Prince
5 George’s, and Frederick Counties in Maryland; Ar-
6 lington, Fairfax, Loudon, and Prince William Coun-
7 ties in Virginia; and all cities now or hereafter exist-
8 ing in Maryland or Virginia within the geographic
9 area bounded by the outer boundaries of the com-
10 bined area of said counties.

11 (d) EARLY COMPLETION OF SAFETRACK.—If the
12 program conducted by the Washington Metropolitan Area
13 Transit Authority (commonly referred to as “SafeTrack”)
14 is completed on a date before June 1, 2017, an agency
15 head shall, beginning on such date, discontinue the provi-
16 sion of transit benefits for the use of transportation net-
17 work companies under this section.