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Two More Metro Workers Die Statement on Tragic Fatalities by Transit Union President Jackie L. Jeter

WASHINGTON -- Once again, it is my sad duty to offer the condolences of ATU Local 689 members to the families of Jeffrey Garrard and Sung Oh, the two Automatic Train Control Technicians who lost their lives last night while working on the Metrorail. Both men were longtime employees of Metro.

As I have done several times over the past year, I strongly urge the Authority to take the appropriate actions to ensure the safety of workers and riders on the Metrorail. ATU Local 689 is cooperating with the Authority and the NTSB in the investigation of this tragic accident.

The safety and security of all riders and workers are vital to the effective operation of the system. We can only hope that no further accidents will result in the loss of life anywhere on the system.

Jeter will be available for comment at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Jackson Graham Building, 600 5th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001, where she will be attending the Metro hearing on service cuts.

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