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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On November 13, 2008, the Chicago Transit Authority Board voted to increase the fares for riding Chicago Transit Authority buses and trains; and

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WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Board approved a 15 percent fare increase to take effect on January 1, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Under the 2009 fare increase, rail and bus fares will rise from \$2 to \$2.25 per ride; the fare hike will increase a one-way elevated train trip by 50 cents; and

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WHEREAS, Chicago Transit Authority officials estimate that the fare hike will reduce the use of Chicago Transit Authority services by 17 million rides; and

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WHEREAS, Chicago Transit Authority riders depend upon affordable public transportation to fulfill their transportation needs; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Chicago Transit Authority to repeal the 2009 fare increase and to make its Board members and executives available to appear before the appropriate Senate committee to explain its actions concerning

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1 fares; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
3 delivered to the Chicago Transit Authority and the Regional
4 Transportation Authority.