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Richard Sarles
General Manager and Chief Executive Officer
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
600 5th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear General Manager Sarles:

It has come to my attention that an ad for a film disparaging the health reform law which includes the phrase "Go to h[---] Barack" was recently placed in the Clarendon Metro stop in Arlington, VA. This ad is deeply disrespectful of the President of the United States and does not belong in the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) network.

I accept that WMATA should display ads, including those of a political nature, in the Metro system in order to secure the revenue they provide. But minimum standards of decency must be maintained through a vetting process. I assume such a process exists, but surely this ad does not meet those standards. I call on you to remove this ad and any others like it from the system.

Sincerely,


James P. Moran