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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. Velázquez 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 Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

2 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

3 This Act may be cited as the “Preserving Cash for Transit Access Act of 2021”.
SEC. 2. SPECIFICATION OF CASH ACCEPTANCE FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.

(a) In General.—As a condition of receiving Federal funds, a public benefit corporation providing designated public transportation (as such term is defined in section 221 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12141)) shall accept cash (as such term is defined in section 602 of the Expedited Funds Availability Act (12 U.S.C. 4001)) as legal tender for any public purchase of transportation services.

(b) Public Purchase of Transportation Services Defined.—In this section, the term “public purchase of transportation services” means a purchase of transportation-related expenses at facilities operated by a transportation agency that has, at a minimum—

(1) booths staffed by transportation agency personnel to conduct cash transactions; and

(2) automated vending machines at transportation access points operated by the transit agency.