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INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PAINTERS AND ALLIED TRADES, AFL-CIO DISTRICT COUNCIL NO. 51

February 24, 2020

Appropriations Committee
Maggie McIntosh Chair
Michael A. Jackson, Vice Chair
House of Delegates Office Building

Dear Honorable Members of the Appropriations Committee:

The International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 51 covering the Maryland, Virginia and District of Columbia jurisdictions which represents over 2,000 members in the finishing trades of the construction industry is submitting written testimony in OPPOSITION to HB715.

Contractors who ensure opportunities for our members of the Building Trades Community, such as the Painters and Allied Trades are an important part of the Maryland's private sector, and they are dependent on new construction projects. HB 715 would prohibit any state appropriations for the Northeast Maglev system. In addition, it would prevent any public or private company that receives money from the state from authorizing a permit of approval for the Maglev.

HB 715 -State Finance and Procurement-Prohibited Appropriations-Magnetic Levitation Transportation System - The bill is to add stipulations to simply attempt to stop the project. What the state needs is responsible contracts to provide jobs and this bill is a plan to prevent the potential job opportunities for the local market labor community.

Thank you for the opportunity for IUPAT DC51 to submit our OPPOSITION to HB 715 as we respectfully urge an unfavorable report on HB 715 from the committee.

Sincerely,

Roxana Mejia
Director of Government Affairs