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The Honorable Guy Guzzone, Chair
Senate Budget & Taxation Committee
MD General Assembly
3 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: **SB0253** State Finance and Procurement - Prohibited Appropriations - Magnetic Levitation Transportation System

POSITION: **OPPOSE**

Dear Chairman Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and Members of the Committee:

As the voice of the transportation construction and materials industries in Maryland, we advocate for Maryland's transportation needs, foster positive partnerships with government agencies and officials, consulting engineers, and other industry groups, promote safety in our industry, including a safe environment for our workforce and the traveling public, support sound environmental practices, and maintain high quality standards for our products and projects.

The SCMaglev project is the type of transportation project that not only represents jobs for our workers, but represents forward thinking, a cleaner environment, and transformational opportunities for millions along the Northeast Corridor.

I am writing to outline our strong opposition to **SB0253**.

This legislation is a solution in search of a problem. It is an attempt to block, not only a potential source of thousands of transportation construction jobs, but a potential source of opportunity and public good for so many.

Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail has been working hand-in-hand with over thirty Federal, State, and Local agencies in the years long process being led by the Federal Railroad Administration.

To layer over this established processes with a prohibition for "any public or private company that receives money from state from authorizing a permit or any other form of approval for Maglev in the state" would be tantamount to stopping the SCMAGLEV project and put in question the legal framework upon which all large scale infrastructure projects rely.

We ask that you not stand in the way of public good and opportunity and submit an unfavorable report.

Sincerely,

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