

Support SB0188/HB0063 sponsored by Sen. Pinsky  
State Finance-Prohibited Appropriations-Magnetic Levitation Train Systems  
Committee: Budget and Taxation, and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Dear Senators,

Jan. 25, 2021

I ask you, as a Master Naturalist, a birder, a steward of Maryland's natural areas, and as a grandmother, to prohibit any funding for the Magnetic Levitation Train. Among a growing list of negative impacts of this disastrous project, it would destroy 200 acres, and degrade the entirety, of public lands within the Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge and the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. Now more than ever, in the midst of a Climate Crisis, and facing a looming Sixth Great Extinction of Biodiversity, we must steadfastly protect Maryland's natural treasures.

Scientists come from throughout the world to do research at PWRR/BARC---the largest federal wildlife and agriculture research center in the U.S. We are so fortunate to have it here in Maryland, and it is sickening that BWRR proposes it as an industrial site to wash, store, repair, and manufacture trains. **Please do not ever fund a project that will "take" public land for a private corporation with deep pockets and top lobbyists who wield disproportionate power in Annapolis!**

Please support SB0188/HB0063.

Thank you,  
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