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## Testimony of

Peter Demchuk, Business Manager, IBEW, LOCAL 24

Before the

Environment and Transportation Committee

On

HB-704 Land Use – Magnetic Levitation Transportation System  
(Maryland Stop the Maglev Act of 2021)

**Strongly Oppose**

February 9, 2021

Dear Chairman Barve and Committee Members,

For the record, my name is Peter Demchuk. I am a lifelong resident of Maryland currently residing in District 7 of Baltimore County. I am a 41- year member, and Business Manager, of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 24 located in Baltimore. I represent approximately 2,000 hardworking, Maryland tax paying electricians. I started as an apprentice in 1979 and have held numerous positions over the years. The reason I give my background is to show my commitment to not only my profession but to all working men and women in Maryland.

HB-704 is NOT good for my members, other building tradespersons, and Marylanders because it would eliminate the possibility of 74,000 construction jobs.

The Maglev is an opportunity for Maryland to be leading the nation in high speed rail transportation. It is an eco-friendly method of transportation with zero-carbon emissions. This line may one day travel up and down the Northeast corridor, think of the economic impact that will create for our state. Connecting Baltimore and DC with this type of travel and technology makes Maryland better, period.

I'm sure some of you have traveled I-95 or the Baltimore and Washington Parkway during rush hour and have experienced the stop and go traffic jams that are increasing in our area every year. This project has the potential to ease that problem along with helping to create economic activity and good jobs.

Please give HB-704 an **unfavorable** report.

Thank you,



Peter P. Demchuk

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