



## HB0170

The Honorable Mark Korman  
Chair, House Environment and  
Transportation Committee  
251 Taylor House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Regina T. Boyce  
Vice Chair, House Environment and,  
Transportation Committee  
251 Taylor House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: **TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HB170 —STATE FINANCE – PROHIBITED APPROPRIATIONS – MAGNETIC LEVITATION TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

Dear Chair Korman, Chair Boyce, and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committees:

This bill would:

- Prohibit the State from using any appropriations for a magnetic levitation transportation system located in the State.

Reasons to oppose this bill:

- Baltimore-Washington Rapid Rail has never, and pledges to never request State appropriations.
- The Baltimore-Washington Maglev Project has been deemed by a third party (via the DEIS) that the Project would actually alleviate pressure on current State infrastructure and budget.
- In an attempt to stop the Baltimore-Washington Maglev Project, this bill limits the State from ever investing in *any* magnetic levitation transportation technology.
- Baltimore-Washington Rapid Rail has continually paid millions in the Federally required State match portion of Federal grants for maglev deployment.

As important as the greater Washington D.C. region is to us, we recognize that a project like this is important to people beyond just the Washington D.C Metropolitan area. It represents an opportunity to create job, grow our minority businesses. Create growth and development opportunities for millions along the Northeast Corridor. This represents a future with less pollution and traffic, along with an emphasis of career opportunities and workforce development. This project will invest money back into our communities, providing a substantial and lasting effect on our region's economy. I urge

you to be a part of this future and vote in opposition of this bill.

Sincerely,

***Darryl Barnes***

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