



Maryland Senate – Budget and Tax Committee

Chair: Guy Guzzone
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**Senate Bill 0253 - State Finance and Procurement - Prohibited Appropriations -
Magnetic Levitation Transportation System**

SB0253 POSITION: OPPOSE

Electrical Workers

Insulators

Boilermakers

United Association

Roofers

Cement Masons

Teamsters

Laborers

Bricklayers

Ironworkers

Sheet Metal Workers

Elevator Constructors

Painters

Operating Engineers

Carpenters

The Baltimore DC Metro Building Council opposes Senate Bill 253. The Building Trades Council represents 24 Local Union affiliates with over 25,000 skilled craft professionals in the building and construction industry in the greater Baltimore/Washington, DC/Northern Virginia region.

SB0253 would

- Prohibit any state appropriations for a Maglev system
- Prohibit any public or private company that receives money from the state from authorizing a permit or any other form of approval for Maglev in the state
- Prohibit any proposal for a Maglev system from using any rights-of-way owned or operated by CSX or AMTRAK

When it comes down to it, this legislation is a preemptive action to a problem that doesn't exist

SB0253 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.

As advocates for organized labor, we know first-hand what a project like this can mean for so many that need a chance for opportunity. Only a few projects of this magnitude ever come around in a lifetime, support for this bill would be tantamount to throwing away opportunity for growth and economic development - to throwing away a potential future for so many. As the largest privately funded apprenticeship program in MD and with emphasis on growing apprenticeships and youth apprenticeships throughout the State being supported by the Maryland Legislature it is important not to cripple the MAGLEV project but allow it to take its normal course to fruition.

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

Sincerely,

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