

Testimony to Environment & Transportation Committee

Date: February 13, 2020

RE: MAGLEV Project/HB 1238

To Whom It May Concern:

I want to formally register my opposition to the proposed SCMAGLEV Project. There is NO NEED for this Project and taxpayers will end up subsidizing the Project's operation and maintenance. I support the NO BUILD ALTERNATIVE. Ridership numbers and clear estimates of energy consumption have not been provided for review. The proposed MAGLEV infrastructure would be enormous, very destructive and very disruptive. MAGLEV will deeply scar our environment and forever change our communities. Making upgrades to our existing mass transit services is the best choice for alleviating congestion.

Please keep in mind that MAGLEV is NOT a MASS TRANSIT option for our area. It will cost no less than \$12 BILLION and this astounding amount of money could be well used for a long list of other viable projects (which MAGLEV is not as Japan, Germany and California are experiencing right now). This will not benefit PGC as there will be no stations built in this area and we in PGC will be driving out of our way into DC to take the train at a large cost when we can easily drive up in total trip time. We need, we want a say in our city's future.

My condominium, Hunting Ridge Condominiums, Greenbelt, MD is poised on top of the MAGLEV pathway. My home was an investment that I made and paid off while I taught for over 20 years for the PGC Public School System. I am retired now and wishing to enjoy my condominium without the pains that the construction of a needless, extensive underground project would impose. I settled in Greenbelt because its City Council fostered the surrounding green space, and the peace and quiet of a protected natural setting. However, presently, Greenbelt is in the crosshairs of the 495 expansion project and the MAGLEV dig. I want the developing companies to ask Greenbelt's permission to transform our community/property.

PLEASE DO ALL YOU CAN TO NURTURE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS BY VOTING TO SUPPORT HB 1238 and make these private companies responsible to the residents of our City of Greenbelt and Prince Georges County.

Thank you for your attention to this letter and for registering my comments.

Sincerely,

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