



Maryland House of Delegates – Economic Matters Committee
Chair Derek E. Davis
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House Bill 1238- Magnetic Levitation Projects - Requirements

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 Washington Building Trades Council and its affiliated local Unions oppose House Bill 1238. Unfortunately, HB 1238 requirements would stop Baltimore-Washington Superconducting Magnetic Levitation (SCMAGLEV) Project. Prince George’s County has 15 metro stations, more than any other jurisdiction in the DC Metro area and the Purple Line will add another 9 stations in the County. I am unaware of any similar restrictions placed on the construction of the Metro or Purple Line. The SCMAGLEV project with the Memorandum of Understanding between Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail and the North American Building Trades Unions will be built with a project labor agreement. The proposed \$10 - \$15 Billion project has the potential to produce over \$1 Billion in wages and another \$350 Million in fringe benefits with the majority of the income going to County residents that live within the zip codes where the rail will pass through. These wages will have an enormous impact on every small business along the construction route and will increase the sales tax and income tax revenues to the Counties and will support and enhance our public safety by paying for our police, fire and EMT first responders, and broadening academic access for students and educators in our public schools. Apprenticeships “The Other Four Year Degree” opportunities for Building Trades college accredited apprenticeships will be able to expand and grow. There are eleven Building Trades apprenticeship schools located in Prince Georges County, all are self-funded through our Joint Apprenticeship Training Councils and many have articulated agreements with certain County Public High Schools that allow for direct entry into an apprenticeship program. As always apprentice hiring is linked to market share and jobs. The jobs being created by the SC Maglev project are those that will allow an individual the freedom to balance life and work.

We urge the Committee for an unfavorable report. Thank you.

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