

January 16, 2024

I am writing on behalf of the Maryland Business Clergy Partnership (MBCP) to share our opposition to SB0079 and our strong support for the Baltimore-Washington Rapid Rail (BWRR) high-speed rail project that will connect Baltimore to Washington D.C. in 15 minutes.

The Honorable Guy Guzzone
Chair, Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Brian J. Feldman
Chair, Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
2 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB0079 -STATE FINANCE - PROHIBITED
APPROPRIATIONS - MAGNETIC LEVITATION TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Position: OPPOSE

Dear Chair Guzzone, Chair Feldman, and Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation and Education, Energy, and the Environment Committees

Dealing with the challenges of today requires problem-solvers who bring different perspectives and are willing to take risks. Baltimore County Leaders and Citizens emerged out of a pursuit to inspire and support the community, and a desire for actions to speak louder than words. Established in 2000, we're an organization driven by progressive ideas, bold actions, and a strong foundation of support. This is more than our moto, our mission, it's who we are, and our truth. We brand these values on all communications about us and connect with other organizations, elected officials, and businesses who share the same or similar commitment to the advancement of our community.

We believe that the Maglev organization and project share our values and commitment to improving the quality of life for Marylanders and the communities of Baltimore County in particular. We anxiously await the launch of this project, anticipating your in advance. When we think about the many benefits of the high-speed train, including the high percentage of minority businesses providing services and creating employment opportunities for Marylanders, or the ability to see a Broadway play in New York in less time than it takes for us to get to Washington, D.C., we get excited at the vision of growth and possibilities.

We encourage you to support MAGLEV and OPPOSE SB00079

Dr. Dean Scott, Founder
Baltimore County Leaders and Citizens

