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SB0079

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**

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

As President of the Baltimore-D.C. Metro Building and Construction Trades Council (BDCBT),
I write to you today to outline our organization's **strong opposition to SB0079**.

BDCBT advocates for 28 construction unions in the greater DMV region, representing the voices
of thousands of skilled professionals. Our mission is to encourage opportunities that will raise
industry standards, provide increased access to employment, and strengthen communities.

We simply **cannot support SB0079**, as it would prohibit any state appropriations for any maglev
system, which is a preemptive action to a problem that does not exist, and would ultimately only
create future complications for our state's potential investment opportunities.

As dedicated advocates for organized labor and reliable infrastructure projects, we know
firsthand the potential that investment in advanced technology, such as the SCMAGLEV, can
hold. Projects of this magnitude and dedication do not come around often.

Support for this bill would be tantamount to throwing away potential for industry growth,
economic development, and educational opportunities – ultimately throwing away promising
futures for many.

We ask that you not stand in the way of public good and therefore submit an **unfavorable report
for SB0079**.

Sincerely,

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