



THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

**Testimony in Support of SB79 – Prohibited Appropriations – Magnetic Levitation  
Transportation Systems**

The MAGLEV train project is a proposed new form of high-speed transportation aiming to connect Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, Maryland with an interim stop at BWI Airport. The project has been under consideration in various forms since 2003 and has not been successful in moving forward for the past two decades.

There are multiple concerns with the state investing potentially millions of dollars in this proposed private project to include the following:

- High cost of construction, with estimates of \$13.8-\$16.8 billion;
- Potential loss of private property value due to eminent domain and the displacement of nearby low-income residents;
- Noise pollution due to the construction, as well as the operations of the transportation system;
- General inaccessibility to residents of Prince George's County due to the lack of train stops within the district.
- High-ticket prices estimated to be around \$60; and
- General obsolescence, considering that the MARC train fulfills a similar purpose at a much lower cost.

To address these concerns, I am proposing SB 79, which would ban state funding of this project and other magnetic levitation transportation system proposals going forward. The exception would be given the salaries of personnel involved in reviewing permits or other forms of approval for these projects.

For these reasons, I respectfully request a favorable committee report on SB 21.