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

The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky  
Chair, Senate Education, Health, and  
Environmental Affairs Committee  
2 West, Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 359—STATE FINANCE – PROHIBITED  
APPROPRIATIONS – MAGNETIC LEVITATION TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Dear Chair Guzzone, Chair Pinsky, and Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation and Education,  
Health, and Environmental Affairs Committees,

As President of the Ministers' Conference Empowerment Center CDC, I write to you today in support of the Baltimore-Washington SCMAGLEV project and ask that you take this letter into consideration when contemplating Senate Bill 359. A strong transportation system is fundamental to the growth of the region, the Northeast Corridor, and the nation. This state-of-the-art project will not only decrease regional highway traffic, helping to ease commutes, but a project of this size will also be beneficial to local and regional communities.

Among the many reasons we support this project:

- The development of the SCMAGLEV will increase job, training, and career opportunities in construction, engineering, and other related industries.
- The development of the SCMAGLEV will provide vast education opportunities, connecting thousands of students to top tier institutions.
- The development of the SCMAGLEV will introduce a net reduction of stress on the environment by reducing the number of harmful automobile emissions and contaminants that harm the quality of our air and water.

*"And the Church Shall Lead"*

Senate Bill 359 threatens to stand in the way of this truly transformational solution. It is myopic to introduce limits to technology adoption. This bill is a roadblock to potential opportunities for many in the Baltimore and Washington area and does nothing but stand in the way of the type of progress I and the Ministers' Conference Empowerment CDC stand for. We are enthused about supporting the Baltimore-Washington Rapid Rail's development of the SCMAGLEV that will provide opportunity for so many and urge you to report unfavorably on this particular bill.

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Daniels', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kevin Daniels, PhD

President,

Ministers' Conference Empowerment Center CDC