

In support of HB326 – Prohibited Appropriations – Magnetic Levitation Transportation System

Dear Committee Members:

As President of the over-4000-member West Laurel Civic Association, we are submitting comments in support of HB326, to ban state appropriations from being used for a Maglev project.

As you have heard in testimony provided by the Patuxent River Commission and vast numbers of other organizations on the proposed Baltimore to Washington Superconducting Maglev project, it would have numerous very negative environmental impacts along its 40-mile route and within the surrounding area, both temporary during construction and permanent that cannot be mitigated, including irreversible destruction of critical habitat, and would have substantial negative impacts on wildlife, public welfare, human health, and human recreational resources, as well as extensive negative impacts on Maryland communities, particularly low-income communities and communities of color. Yet its cost would make it useful only to the economically top-most tier, out of affordability for the average commuter.

The project developers have publicly claimed that they would never ask for state funding to help support their Maglev. This bill is simply holding them to this claim.

Please support HB326, to prevent Maryland taxpayers from being forced to financially underwrite this terrible destructing project, should it go through.

Thank you for considering this matter!

sincerely yours,

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