



Greater Baltimore Chapter

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The Honorable Kumar P. Barve
Chair, House Environment and Transportation Committee
MD General Assembly
251 House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: **HB 120** Railroad Companies - Condemnation Authority - Application

POSITION: **OPPOSE**

Dear Chairman Barve,

As the chairperson of the National Action Network's Greater Baltimore Chapter, I am writing to express our organization's strong opposition to HB120.

We work tirelessly to promote opportunities for education and economic advancement for those in our communities who are often overlooked and forgotten. The SCMAGLEV project represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity for us to offer new education and jobs to our neighbors, families and friends.

Projects like the SCMAGLEV could revolutionize our region, giving residents a reliable, safe, low-emission transportation option. We're eager to partner with projects and organizations like the one behind the SCMAGLEV project; their commitment to diverse, equitable and inclusive project development, means that the education and economic opportunities generated will be available to the very citizens the National Action Network fights for every day.

This project holds an immense amount of promise for Maryland. Not only would the SCMAGLEV bring unprecedented economic opportunity, we would also have a real chance at a future with efficient transportation and cleaner air, thanks to the millions of car trips the train will divert.

HB120 is an attempt to stop this project and rob us of the bright future we deserve. We need to seize any opportunity we can to make our economic, education and environmental goals a reality. That means supporting development of SCMAGLEV technology in our region.

Please submit an unfavorable report on HB120 and help give our children a chance at a brighter future.

Sincerely,

Larry Young
Chairperson, NAN Greater Baltimore Chapter