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**HB 326**

The Honorable Maggie McIntosh  
Chair, House Appropriations Committee  
Room 121, House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve  
Chair, House Environment and  
Transportation Committee  
Room 251, House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**RE: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HB 326—STATE FINANCE – PROHIBITED  
APPROPRIATIONS – MAGNETIC LEVITATION TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

Dear Chair McIntosh, Chair Barve, and Members of the House Appropriations, and Environment and Transportation Committees:

As President of Patriots Technology Training Center, I am writing to express our organization's strong **opposition to HB 326**.

For 25 years Patriots' mission has been "empowering students through technology". Our goal is to increase the number of 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students entering into science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields (STEM), ultimately leading to a college education and career paths in these fields. Our various programs, camps, workshops, competitions, conferences, and other activities serve to introduce youth to tomorrow's careers.

The Northeast Maglev project represents the pinnacle of opportunity for today's youth. The influx of high-tech construction and operations jobs, with stations located in Baltimore, DC, and at BWI, will provide tremendous opportunity for our youth – opportunity to be part of the most advanced transportation system in the world. Once the project is complete, today's youth will continue to benefit with easy access to opportunities along the Northeast Corridor.

We also recognize that a project like this will benefit businesses and people beyond the Baltimore/Washington region. It represents job, business and development opportunities, and community growth for millions along the Northeast Corridor. This project represents a future with less pollution, traffic, and with an emphasis on clean, efficient transportation and transit-oriented development. For the youth we serve, we want to be a part of this future.

HB326 is a clear attempt to stop this project and, in effect, stifle opportunity for today's youth and for future generations for careers, economic development, access, and a cleaner environment.

**Please submit an unfavorable report on this bill.**

Sincerely,

Thurman D. Jones, Jr.  
President