

February 14, 2022

HB 326

The Honorable Delegate Kumar P. Barve
Chair, Senate Environment and Transportation Committee
House Office Building - Room 251
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Delegate Dana Stein
Vice-Chair, Senate Environment and Transportation Committee
House Office Building - Room 251
Annapolis, MD 21401

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

Dear Chair Barve, Vice-Chair Stein, and Members of the House Environment and
Transportation Committee Committees:

My name is Jason Rodriguez (citizen, taxpayer, grassroots activist, and member of the National
Action Network - NAN), and I am writing to express my strong **opposition to HB 326**.

As a grassroots activist, we constantly find ourselves fighting for equity and equal opportunities
for all people regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, citizenship, criminal record, economic status,
gender, gender expression, or sexuality.

I urge the committee to consider the long-lasting implications this bill would have on inviting new
investment in our state. Preemptively removing the ability for the people of Maryland to invest in
a viable technology sends the wrong message. We would be telling our young people “your
future is not worth investing in.”

Furthermore, the company behind the Maglev project has pledged to not request state
appropriations and they haven’t received any.

The SCMAGLEV project would bring unprecedented economic opportunity to our region.
Additionally, the team behind the project has committed to diverse, equitable and inclusive
project development. It is these types of opportunities “we” grassroots activists fight for daily.

Please submit an **unfavorable** report on HB 326 and let's move Maryland forward into the
future by supporting innovative transportation projects like the Maglev.

Sincerely,



Jason Rodriguez
Resident of Baltimore City (Grassroots Activist)