

January 24, 2023

SB0050

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

The Honorable Brian J. Feldman
Vice Chair, Senate Education, Energy, and
the Environment Committee
2 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB0050 —STATE FINANCE – PROHIBITED
APPROPRIATIONS – MAGNETIC LEVITATION TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

Dear Chair Guzzone, Chair Feldman, and Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation and
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committees,

On behalf of the Maryland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce’s hundreds of member businesses
and thousands of employees in Montgomery County, this letter is in Opposition to SB0050 -
State Finance – Prohibited Appropriations – Magnetic Levitation - Transportation System.

This legislation has not changed from prior appearances before this committee and should
receive a similar fate. Passage of this obstructionist legislation would make a strong statement
about Maryland – that State leadership is closed to innovation.

We believe the State and the region should be open to any and all ideas that seek to ameliorate
our pressing problem of congestion, which threatens our economy’s growth on a daily basis.

Let’s stop putting up barriers to progress. Our local businesses certainly will not benefit from
such a position. Large scale investments in our state should be encouraged as they provide
substantial jobs and enhancement to the economic health of our business community.

We ask you to please vote UNFAVORABLE on this short-sighted bill which reflects the lack of
long-range planning for our community’s future and that of the State. Thank you for your
consideration of our remarks.