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## **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  
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,

At Lakeland Community Association Partnership Inc. (LCAP), we have three primary purposes:  
to promote, preserve, and protect our community. We do this by connecting and engaging with  
our residents, and also by supporting projects, programs, and activities that inspire growth within  
the neighborhood. The Baltimore-Washington Rapid Rail (BWRR) Superconducting Magnetic  
Levitation train (SCMAGLEV) is a prime example of an opportunity to improve the quality of  
life for Lakeland residents. We encourage the project's development, particularly since BWRR's  
preferred South Baltimore station would bring a new source of jobs and investment to our  
community. **SB0050 aims to directly negatively impact this project, and thus, we cannot  
support this bill.**

Aside from the concrete economic and employment opportunities that the project will deliver,  
the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) affirms that the SCMAGLEV will directly  
benefit the communities surrounding project stations in many more ways. The DEIS states,  
“Transit-oriented development (TOD) opportunities around station locations, particularly in  
Baltimore, would potentially include expanded housing and employment opportunities for  
residents; increased retail, especially supermarkets; improved vehicular and bicycle safety; direct  
ferry access to downtown Baltimore; enhanced security, lighting, and wayfinding; and added  
community amenities (for example, recreation, landscaping, waterfront access).”

Yes, the economic and employment opportunities that the SCMAGLEV will provide are of equal importance to the above, but it's these day-to-day improvements to the overall well-being of South Baltimore communities – within aspects of safety, transit, and overall quality of life – that make this project all the more promising. SB0050 threatens to not only revoke these concrete opportunities for our communities that are outlined in the DEIS, but this bill also preemptively dampens future innovative ideas.

Moreover, we have had continued communication and involvement with the BWRR team, such as our collaboration on multiple recent community events, and can conclusively state that they are committed to supporting our residents and their needs. As previously stated, our priority is to improve the lives of our Lakeland residents. This project will deliver those improvements. We are eager to welcome the SCMAGLEV to South Baltimore, as it will usher in an era of improved transit and investment in communities that have long been awaiting these opportunities.

**Seeing as SB0050 goes against our primary purposes as an organization and community association, we ask that you submit an unfavorable report of this bill.**

Sincerely,

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Lakeland Community Association Partnership, Inc.

“Building a Better Community Together with LOVE”