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## HB0106

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The Honorable Kumar P. Barve  
Chair, House Environment and Transportation Committee  
MD General Assembly  
Room 251 House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
The Honorable Ben Barnes  
Chair, House Appropriations Committee  
MD General Assembly  
Room 121 House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HB0106 – STATE FINANCE – PROHIBITED APPROPRIATIONS –  
MAGNETIC LEVITATION TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

Dear Chair Barve, Chair Barnes, and Members of the House Environment & Transportation and Appropriations 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. **HB0106 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. HB0106 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 HB0106 goes against our primary purposes as an organization and community association, we ask that you submit an unfavorable report of this bill.**

Sincerely, *Pamela Oliver*

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### **“Building a Better Community Together with LOVE”**

“Lakeland Community Association Partnership Inc. is an association that has been organized to promote the education of residents and partnership of schools, businesses and churches in the area of crime prevention and quality of life and to assist in the safeguarding of the community, its residents and their properties through voluntary activities including public information problem solving and addressing community problems and concerns.”