



February 15, 2023 HB0106

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

I am writing to outline our strong opposition to HB0106

Even as one of the newest chambers of commerce in Maryland
and in the Washington Metropolitan region, we have earned a
well-deserved reputation as a voice for growth in Prince
George's County. Through our aggressive pursuit of a healthy
economic climate for business and an improved quality of life
for County residents, our mission is to advance the interests of
business and help create wealth for a vibrant Prince George's
County. This proposed legislation serves to stand against our
core goals, and against our mission.

This legislation only serves to send a message to the world that
Maryland does not want to be part of a future where we finally
begin to move beyond constantly building and expanding
highways.

Maglev technology represents a future with less pollution, traffic, and with an emphasis on clean, efficient, and equitable transportation and transit-oriented development. We believe that Prince George's County, and the State of Maryland should be a part of this future.

This bill is an attempt to needlessly block a potential for growth and opportunity for so many, and we ask that you submit an unfavorable report. We recommend that the Maryland General Assembly not set a precedent by using legislation on behalf of a few to unfairly limit a potential good for many.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. McLaurin', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jerry McLaurin
President and Chief Executive Officer