



**NATIONAL ACTION NETWORK  
GREATER BALTIMORE CHAPTER**

February 19, 2023

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

Dear Chair Barve, Chair Barnes, and Members of the House Environment & Transportation and Appropriations Committees:

I am writing to express our organization's strong opposition to HB0106. As one of the leading civil rights organizations in the nation, we fight for one standard of justice and equal opportunities for all people regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, citizenship, criminal record, economic status, gender, gender expression, or sexuality.

Not only would the SCMAGLEV project bring unprecedented economic opportunity to our region, but the team behind the project has committed to diverse, equitable and inclusive project development. The team has worked extensively with South Baltimore communities to establish trust-based communication and is committed to facilitating equitable transit-oriented development. This project represents the exact type of opportunity the National Action Network fights for daily. Preemptively removing the ability for Maryland citizens to invest in innovative technology that has the capacity to drastically improve the lives of many sends a clear message to citizens that their voices, time, energy, and future don't matter.

I strongly urge the committee to consider the long-lasting implications that this bill will have on future technological investment within the state. Furthermore, it is worth repeating that the company behind the SCMAGLEV has pledged to not request appropriations.

We ask for an unfavorable report on HB0106 to keep Maryland's future bright for all of our hard working citizens.

Sincerely,

**Gerald Stansbury**  
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