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SB0079

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 Environmental Committee
2 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB0079 —STATE FINANCE – PROHIBITED
APPROPRIATIONS – MAGNETIC LEVITATION TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

Dear Chair Guzzone, Chair Feldman, and Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation
and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committees:

As president of Patriots Technology Training Center, I am writing to express our
organization's strong **opposition to SB0079**.

For over 25 years, our organization's mission has been to empower students through
technology by encouraging students to enter promising education and career paths in the
science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.
The Patriots Technology Training Center has served thousands of students in the region
through our countless programs, camps, workshops, conferences, and partnerships. We
know which projects hold promise for today's (and tomorrow's) youth, and which projects
don't. Northeast Maglev represents this promise, and with stations and headquarters in
accessible, central locations to Maryland schools and universities, this project holds great
potential for our younger generations to be a part of the most advanced transportation
system in the world. Our students will have the ability to learn within an extremely unique
technological pipeline.


Further, we recognize that a project like the SCMAGLEV will benefit businesses and
citizens far beyond the Baltimore-Washington region. It represents development and

community growth for millions along the Northeast Corridor. It symbolizes a future with less pollution and more transit-oriented development.

SB0079 is a clear attempt to stop the SCMAGLEV. But this legislation will not just negatively impact Northeast Maglev. It will ultimately stifle the opportunity for our future generations to benefit from promising career paths and apprenticeships, economic development, and a cleaner environment.

The Patriots Technology Training Center cannot support SB0079 as it proposes direct negative impacts on the state's current students and future leaders. We ask that you please submit an unfavorable report on this nearsighted bill.

Sincerely,



Thurman Jones
President