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: <u>TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB0079 —STATE FINANCE – PROHIBITED APPROPRIATIONS – MAGNETIC LEVITATION TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM</u>

Dear Chair Guzzone, Chair Feldman, and Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation and Education, Energy, and the Environment Committees:

As Managing Member of Stonewall Capital, I write today to voice my opposition to SB0079 and my support for the proposed SCMAGLEV project.

Stonewall Capital is the Master Developer of the ONE Westport project in South Baltimore. I've have been working with the developer of the SCMAGLEV as we sought the best path forward for both projects. In the process, I've learned how beneficial the SCMAGLEV will be to Maryland.

The project would bring gainful employment and business opportunities to Maryland. Combined with the new opportunities residents will see from the ONE Westport development, I believe the best is yet to come for South Baltimore.

Senate Bill 79 aims to stymie that future. .

I truly believe we must fight for any and all opportunities to uplift communities like South Baltimore. The SCMAGLEV project is such an opportunity. Therefore, I advise the committee to give an unfavorable report on SB0079.

Sincerely,

Ray Jackson

Managing Member, Stonewall Capital