



March 1, 2024

The Honorable Regina T. Boyce  
6 Bladen Street  
House Office Building Room 251  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO HB1446/SB1060**

Dear Vice Chairman Boyce:

I write in strong opposition to HB1446 and SB1060 imposing new requirements on Maryland's freight rail network. As a Baltimore based industrial business, we rely heavily on a thriving Port to provide opportunity for folks without college degrees. Unnecessary regulation applied to the Railroad operators will directly result in a constrained Port and ultimately reduce our ability to provide family sustaining wages for the people who need them most, Baltimoreans.

As operator of a business that is so closely tied to the Port of Baltimore, I'm concerned about pending legislation that could undercut our Port's competitiveness. The Port is one of our greatest assets and provides a path to the middle class for so many of our citizens.

Port-related businesses are extremely cost sensitive operations. We need to continue the great strides made in recent years to make our Port more competitive, not go in the other direction. For this reason, I ask that you oppose HB1446 and SB1060.

Sincerely,

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