

HB0170

February 20, 2024

The Honorable Marc Korman
Chairman, Environment and
Transportation Committee
House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Ben Barnes
Chairman, Appropriations Committee
House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Position: Oppose - HB0170 State Finance – Prohibited Appropriations –
Magnetic Levitation Transportation System**

Dear Chair Korman and Members of the House Environment and Transportation and
Chair Barnes and Members of the House Appropriations Committee

My name is Dr. Dean Scott, Founder of the Baltimore County Leaders and Citizens and
I am writing to oppose HB0170, a Bill that does nothing for the advancement of
progressive projects in the region. We are supporters of the Baltimore-Washington
Rapid Rail high-speed rail project that will connect Baltimore to Washington D.C. in 15
minutes and further connect the DMV to New York in less than one hour..

Dealing with the challenges of today requires problem- solvers who bring different
perspectives and are willing to take risks. Baltimore County Leaders and Citizens
emerged out of a pursuit to improve and support projects that are good for the
community and out of a desire for actions versus no action.

Established in 2000 we are an organization driven by progressive ideas and bold
actions. This proposed Bill HB0170 seems to do nothing but block any attempt to
improve transportation in the region. I urge you to oppose HB0170 .

Thank you,

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