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Senator Guy Guzzone, Chair Senate Budget and Taxation Committee 3 West, Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401 Senator Brian Feldman, Chair Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee 2 West, Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 55 – <u>UNFAVORABLE</u> – State Finance – Prohibited Appropriations – Magnetic Levitation Transportation System

Dear Chair Guzzone, Chair Feldman and Members of the Committees:

Bulldog Distribution Trucking is a certified minority-owned small business based in Prince George's County, Maryland that specializes in supplying premium truck hauling material and construction services on heavy infrastructure projects in and around Maryland. We have been in business since 2010 and have grown from 1 truck to 20 trucks with a full administrative staff.

Senate Bill 55 prohibits the State from using any appropriation for a magnetic levitation transportation system located or to be located in the State, except for expenditures related to the salaries of personnel assigned to review permits or other forms of approval for such a transportation system.

Bulldog Trucking opposes Senate Bill 55 because we see this legislation, should it pass, greatly impacting the SCMAGLEV project currently in development in the region. While our company has no relationship with the Northeast Maglev, and no deal with them, I recognize that this is exactly the kind of project that would be very important and very beneficial to small businesses like mine. We are struggling- the jobs are just not there. It's our understanding that they will need a lot of trucks during the construction phase. As I mentioned, we are a minority business that could offer our services to a project like this and greatly benefit.

We appreciate you taking the time to consider our request for an **UNFAVORABLE** report on Senate Bill 55.

Thank you,

Miguel Lambert, CEO Bulldog Distribution Trucking