

# INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS - LOCAL UNION No. 24

## AFFILIATED WITH:

Baltimore-D.C. Metro Building Trades Council - AFL-CIO  
Baltimore Port Council  
Baltimore Metro Council - AFL-CIO  
Central MD Labor Council - AFL-CIO  
Del-Mar-Va Labor Council - AFL-CIO  
Maryland State - D.C. - AFL-CIO  
National Safety Council



C. SAMUEL CURRERI, President  
DAVID W. SPRINGHAM, JR., Recording Secretary  
JEROME T. MILLER, Financial Secretary  
MICHAEL J. MCHALE, Business Manager

OFFICE:  
2701 W. PATAPSCO AVENUE  
SUITE 200

AFL-CIO-CLC

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21230

Phone: 410-247-5511  
FAX: 410-536-4338

Written Testimony of  
Rico Albacarys, Assistant Business Agent, IBEW LOCAL 24  
Before the House Environment and Transportation Committee On  
HB 48 Railroad Companies - Condemnation Authority - Application

## Opposed

January 28, 2025

Chairman Korman and Committee Members,

As a member and employee of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 24 in Baltimore, I am writing to express our strong **opposition to HB 48**. This bill seeks to block the Baltimore-Washington SCMAGLEV project, a transformative initiative with the potential to fuel Maryland's economic growth, create thousands of well-paying jobs, and support businesses throughout the state.

By restricting the use of condemnation authority, this legislation would not only hinder the SCMAGLEV project but also set a troubling precedent for future large-scale infrastructure efforts. Such restrictions would make it far more difficult to implement the kinds of projects that deliver meaningful benefits to workers and communities alike.

We urge the committee to carefully consider these implications and issue an **unfavorable report on HB 48**. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Rico Albacarys  
Assistant Business Agent  
IBEW Local 24