

January 30, 2025

Delegate Marc Korman, Chair House Environment and Transportation Committee 250 Taylor House Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 48 – <u>UNFAVORABLE</u> – Railroad Companies – Condemnation Authority – Application

Dear Chair Korman and Members of the Committee:

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.

House Bill 48 would prohibit an entity that owns or operates a railroad powered by a magnetic levitation (maglev) propulsion system from any condemnation authority afforded to all other railroad companies in the State.

Removing condemnation authority for maglev rail companies would make it harder to secure necessary land for constructing maglev transportation systems. This could lead to fewer projects being initiated or completed, directly reducing the demand for workers and contractors in the transportation construction sector within Maryland. At a time when our State's transportation budget has been and continues to be cut significantly, companies like ours are struggling with work.

The transportation construction community thrives on large-scale projects that require extensive planning, labor, and resources. Any legislation that restricts or complicates such developments can have a ripple effect, reducing opportunities, income, and advancement potential for those in the field. 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. Please consider an unfavorable report on House Bill 48, which would greatly impact the ability of this project to move forward.

Thank you,

Miguel Lambert, CEO Bulldog Distribution Trucking