



“Empowering Students through Technology”

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

Delegate Ben Barnes, Chair
House Appropriations Committee
120 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 400 – UNFAVORABLE – State Finance – Prohibited Appropriations – Magnetic Levitation Transportation System

Dear Chair Korman, Chair Barnes and Members of the Committees:

As President of the Patriots Technology Training Center, I am writing to express our organization's strong opposition to SB 55.

For 30 years Patriots' mission has been "empowering students through technology". Our goal is to increase the number of 5th to 12th grade students entering into science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), ultimately leading to a college education and career paths in these fields. Our various programs, camps, seminars, and activities serve to introduce youth to tomorrow's careers.

The Northeast Maglev project represents the pinnacle of opportunity for today's youth. The influx of high-tech construction and operations jobs, with stations located in Baltimore, DC, and at BWI, will provide tremendous opportunity for our youth - opportunity to be part of the most advanced transportation system in the world. Once the project is complete, ultimately connecting major metropolitan areas of the Northeast Corridor, today's youth will continue to benefit with easy access to opportunities along the entire route.

HB 400 is a clear attempt to stop this project, and in effect stifle opportunity for today's youth and for future generations. Opportunity for careers, economic development, access, and a cleaner environment.

Please submit an unfavorable report.

Sincerely,

Thurman D. Jones, Jr.
President
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