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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

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SCMAGLEV PROJECT
c/o Suhair Al Khatib
Maryland Transit Administration
6 Saint Paul Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Mr. Al Khatib:

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed SCMAGLEV Project. To date, we are far from convinced that the SCMAGLEV Project is necessary, environmentally sound, financially sustainable or that a market exists outside of deep-pocketed corporate executives.

As proposed, the SCMAGLEV Project construction promises major disruption in the northern part of Prince George's along each of the three proposed routes without providing *any* benefit to those impacted.

Maryland already has a high speed train to Baltimore and points north. The Acela line is convenient for travelers, but it comes at a high price – in some cases \$200 for a one way ticket. We believe, despite assurances, that the cost for a seat will be prohibitive and out of reach for most of us.

The construction of the SCMAGLEV is just the beginning of environmental concerns we have if this project were to come to fruition. Potential noise pollution and destruction of natural habitats and possible radiation exposure concern us. Existing woods in the Greenbelt area, among others, could also be adversely affected. Disruption, both during construction and operation, may affect homes above the line when underground and communities adjacent to the line when running above ground.

We are disheartened that the residents of Prince George's County are bookended by the proposed SCMAGLEV stations and unable to access a stop within the county. At the same time, it is our very communities that will be disrupted. It is our sincere hope that you heed the public outcry against the SCMAGLEV Project.

And finally, we strongly believe that our basic transportation infrastructure, the D.C. Metro system, needs to be permanently stabilized, financially, before we can start focusing on expensive, futuristic proposals.

Sincerely,

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Senator

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