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The Honorable Michael A. Jackson, Chair Prince George's County Senate Delegation 3West Miller Senate Office Building 11 Bladen Street Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991 The Honorable Nicole Williams, Chair Prince George's County House Delegation Lowe House Office Building, Room 207 Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

## Re: Prince George's County Council Opposes the Magnetic Levitation Transportation System

Dear Senator Jackson and Delegate Williams

Prince George's County Council opposes any use of appropriation for the Magnetic Levitation Transportation System (MAGLEV) by the state and any other instrumentality of the state. During this critical 447<sup>th</sup> Legislative General Assembly Session, we must remain unified in our advocacy for Prince George's County as a council and delegation. By approaching this session with strategic foresight, we can support essential services and foster economic development, but we cannot support a MAGLEV project in Maryland.

With Prince George's County's growth, critical projects require the State to invest in transportation and infrastructure. Notably, the County needs funding for mass transportation, road, and pedestrian safety projects, as well as local road maintenance. State investment in rapid transit alternatives, multi-jurisdictional corridors, and locally operated bus systems would drastically improve transit for our residents, allowing them to take advantage of opportunities in adjacent municipalities. A magnetic levitation transportation system does not support these priorities.

Given these concerns, the Prince George's County Council urges you to oppose any funding for MAGLEV and instead prioritize transportation investments that directly benefit the County. Projects like the Blue Line Corridor and the completion of the Purple Line will drive economic growth, improve connectivity, and enhance the quality of life for our residents. By focusing on strategic, community-centered transit solutions, we can ensure sustainable development that meets the needs of our County. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to advancing effective transportation infrastructure.

Sincerely,

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