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RE: Request for 180-day Extension of Public Comment Period for Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Baltimore-Washington Superconductive Maglev Project

Dear Secretary Slater and Mr. Bratcher:

The purpose of this letter is to request a 180-day Extension of the Public Comment Period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Baltimore-Washington Superconductive SCMaglev Project ("SCMaglev Project"), that was released on January 15, 2021 for public comments through April 22, 2021.

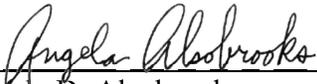
As you are aware, the SCMaglev Project is the first of its kind proposed in this country and would have significant and substantial environmental impacts in Prince George's County. The SCMaglev Project is of great magnitude and presents just cause for an extended comment period beyond the required minimum of 45 days from publication in the Federal Register. In addition, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and associated restrictions impact the ability to review and comment on the DEIS.

Providing only 45 days for comment, as has been indicated to date, would preclude full participation by the public and interested stakeholders. We request that the Maryland Department of Transportation, Maryland Transit Administration, and Federal Railroad Administration provide at least an additional 180-days for public comment during the ongoing health emergency. This extension is critical to provide the public adequate opportunity to meaningfully review and comment on the DEIS.

The SCMaglev Project will have significant adverse impacts on many of our cities and municipalities. It is critical that they and their residents have an adequate opportunity to meaningfully review the DEIS and submit comments.

The Prince George's Office of the County Executive and County Council respectively requests that the Maryland Department of Transportation, Mass Transit Administration, and the Federal Railroad Administration grant a 180-day extension of the public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Baltimore-Washington Superconductive SCMaglev Project. Thank you for your consideration and response to this request.

Sincerely,



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Prince George's County Executive



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