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Secretary

September 5, 2017

The Honorable G. Frederick Robinson  
City of Bowie  
15901 Excalibur Rd.  
Bowie, MD 20716

Dear Mayor Robinson:

As you are aware, the Federal Railroad Administration and Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) recently initiated a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review for the private sector Baltimore-Washington Rapid Rail's proposed Superconducting Maglev (SCMAGLEV) project between Baltimore and Washington, D.C. The review is evaluating the project's potential impacts to environmental, social, and cultural resources, including any potential impacts within local communities seeking the least disruptive alignment.

In addition, Governor Larry Hogan and the Maryland Department of Transportation have been closely monitoring the public information meetings being held regarding the SCMAGLEV. Unfortunately, there have been several conceivable routes proposed for study that have been presented to citizens during the meetings which would cut through existing residential areas. It has always been the understanding of the Hogan administration this proposed project would only use existing rights-of-way intended for these types of purposes and have minimal impacts on those who live and work along the final route should the project come to fruition. The Hogan administration's position in regards to using existing rights-of-way for this proposed project has not and will never change.

It is important to understand that this project is solely in the study phase, and no plans for construction have been approved or even proposed at this early stage. More detailed information regarding potential impacts, project cost, alignments, station locations, construction techniques, and system design will become available during the NEPA process, and soliciting public comment will continue to be a vital component of this process as it moves forward.

Please be confident and rest assured that Governor Hogan and the entire administration are paying very close attention to this process and will continue to stand firmly against any proposed routes that would harm local communities or affect the quality of life of the citizens along the proposed path. We simply won't allow that to happen.

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We encourage citizens to attend and participate in any future meetings regarding this proposed project and participate in the public feedback process. Citizen participation in the process is vital to the process of determining the viability of the SCMAGLEV. Should you have questions please contact Deputy Administrator Suhair Al Khatib via email at [SAIKhatib@mta.maryland.gov](mailto:SAIKhatib@mta.maryland.gov) or telephone 410-767-3787.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pete K. Rahn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "K".

Pete K. Rahn  
Secretary

cc: Mr. Suhair Al Khatib, Deputy Administrator and Chief Planning, Programming and  
Engineering Officer, MDOT MTA