



THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 23A
 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Dear Colleagues,

We are writing to call your attention to a project which is gathering steam in the state of Maryland and could possibly be traversing your District. The MAGLEV train has proposed alignments which travel through Baltimore City, Howard County, Anne Arundel, and Prince George's. The train will have only scheduled stops in Baltimore, BWI and the District of Columbia. For the rest of us, we may have disrupted communities, destroyed neighborhoods and years of construction for an expensive commuter train to serve wealthy clients from DC to Baltimore with no benefits to the local communities.

While many say this train will never happen, we believe it is our duty to be informed. The state of Maryland has appropriated no money, but the federal government, the country of Japan and private industry are heavily vested in this project (\$27.8 million by the federal government to date) and have hired lobbyists to represent them in Annapolis. The Public Service Commission has granted them a franchise to operate on the W, B & A railroad line, just one of the proposed paths. Other paths follow the BW Parkway and Rt. 95. The proposed alignment routes can be found at <http://www.baltimorewashingtonscmaglevproject.com/index.php/overview/project-map>

We both continue to be disappointed in the information presented to the Bowie City Council in the two separate presentations by BWRR and MDOT. You can view the BWRR presentation at this link: <https://www.cityofbowie.org/DocumentCenter/View/5748> MDOT made a separate presentation on September 5th which you can view here: https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A-www.cityofbowie.org_DocumentCenter_View_5943&d=DwIFAw&c=Gp5PoQfTj9yjDt8XV2x6aql0UnCZXhNkdBYbfDCIWas&r=SOG2kqrosI9yYcYJkBmHfnX7uaoPbk2cKMSWdduQGwgxrmsQ2gcK8_vghF8-MNlf&m=cOH3xP10yyYYzc0if9pZqdb8nfTs7wyWBli0FrME44s&s=wk6GeI5EqZb-GHFf6HL-3u9V-CIoo1QYzthyO-MsVgc&e In addition, Senator Benson held a large community meeting at Flowers High School on September 7th regarding the possible impact upon her District and our County.

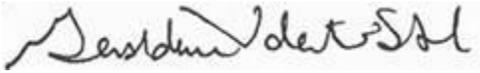
We are interested in organizing a presentation to elected officials by the Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail (BWRR) and MDOT, which is the agency administering the federal NEPA grant to study proposed alignment paths. Please let us know if you and your staff are interested in attending this meeting. If we have sufficient interest, We will set the meeting to hopefully occur during October and will be back in touch with details.

If you have further questions, please feel free to call Delegate Valentino-Smith's Legislative Director, Peggy Callahan, at 240-593-0329.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Douglas J.J. Peters".

Senator Douglas J.J. Peters, District 23

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geraldine Valentino-Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Geraldine" being the most prominent.

Delegate Geraldine Valentino-Smith, District 23A