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**Sent:** Friday, September 8, 2017 11:54 AM  
**To:** 'maglev-coalition@googlegroups.com' <maglev-coalition@googlegroups.com>  
**Subject:** FW: Prince George's County position on the MAGLEV train

Dear Friends,

I wanted to share the letter I wrote to our County Executive's Legislative Liaison requesting some information on the County's position on the MAGLEV. Please see email below.

It was good to see you at the hearing Tuesday. I realize the lack of information from the MDOT was frustrating and disappointing. Senator Peters and I are working on a follow-up letter to address our concerns about the lack of detail and inaccuracies presented during the hearing.

Regards,  
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**From:** Valentino-Smith, Geraldine Delegate  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 2, 2017 12:36 PM  
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**Subject:** Prince George's County position on the MAGLEV train

Dear Mr. Battle,

I am writing regarding the MAGLEV train which is currently under study from a federal grant to MDOT. Almost all of the proposed routes for this train would traverse our County. I would like to know if the County has submitted any comments to the Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail (BWRR) regarding their position on the construction of this train through our County? Who in the County would be responsible for following this issue? Has the County had any meetings on this matter with the BWRR?

Has the County done any studies as to the loss of tax revenue resulting from the loss of homes which will be taken by the construction of this train? The actual train track will bring no tax revenue to our County as there will be no ticket sales emanating from any local stop. The proposed paths currently threaten some of our County schools which would need to be rebuilt and those children relocated to different schools.

The high-speed train appears to offer no meaningful or long term economic benefit to Prince George's County. It does offer a great deal of destruction to our communities, farms and green space. It is a high-speed train that will only traverse our County with no stops and no advantages to our residents. The only stop is scheduled in Anne Arundel County at BWI. The train promises to be an expensive commuter train for elite business travel from D.C. to New York.

The County has many vulnerable citizens whose homes are threatened by these proposed construction routes. These citizens are loudly voicing their opinion that they are facing years of economic uncertainty as to the value of their homes and future security of their communities as the alignment process continues to focus on a preferred route through many County residential communities.

I look forward to hearing from you and the County Executive regarding the position that the County has taken, which studies have been done and any comments which have been submitted. Clearly a proposed project of such magnitude in our county is something I would appreciate coordination and communication from the County Executive's Office. I appreciate you coordinating such information and communication or informing me as to who best you think I should direct my request.

Sincerely,  
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