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Wayne Rogers
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Dear Mr. Rogers,

I am writing on behalf of the Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce to offer support for the development of the SCMaglev Project from Baltimore to Washington, DC. Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail's project is an exciting opportunity for our region to be home to the fastest, safest train in the world. The SCMaglev project has great potential to encourage economic development in Baltimore County, both directly and indirectly.

The Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce has been a long-time proponent of the SCMaglev project. As a long-standing community partner, we ensure the county maintains a healthy business climate, a well-trained and educated workforce, quality schools and safe neighborhoods, not just for the interest of business, but for the future of our community. As the goal of the chamber of commerce is to promote and protect the interests of the local business community, we think this is an important project to bring about a project that will make a big impact on our businesses. This project will enrich the quality of life and enhance prosperity in the Baltimore-Washington region.

It's of the utmost importance that we are working in collaboration to find solutions to problems that affect our competitiveness and viability as a region. There are huge concerns with our area's current transportation system. Our infrastructure is outdated and crumbling. The Northeast corridor is the nation's densest and most economically productive -- and the trip between Baltimore and Washington DC is one of the congested and most frequently traveled segments of the NEC.

This project will be a game-changer for the region. This project will allow people to enjoy their quality of life even if they are working a few hours away from home and will result in getting many cars off our congested roads.

The potential of the project is enormous. With only a 15-minute train ride standing between Baltimore and Washington DC, businesses will suddenly find themselves in much closer proximity to a broader customer base and employees will find a much wider range of job and housing options. And unlike other passenger rail systems, this SCMaglev project will require no taxpayer subsidies -- a win-win for the Baltimore and the surrounding communities.

I urge you to support this project and bring about this much needed change to our region.

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Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Scott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and "S".

Keith Scott
President and CEO
Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce

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