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ACT CHALLENGES MADALENO TO EXPLAIN LOBBYING ON BUSWAY HE OPPOSES IN PUBLIC

State Senator Richard Madaleno (D-18) was challenged this weekend to explain his behind-the-scenes involvement in lobbying for the proposed Jones Bridge Road busway, a project he has opposed in public. The challenge came in leaflets distributed by the Action Committee for Transit to homes near Jones Bridge Road.

In testimony and public statements, Sen. Madaleno has opposed the plan to convert two lanes of Jones Bridge Road into a Bus Rapid Transit line. This proposal, which has excited the ire of Sen. Madaleno's constituents in neighborhoods near Jones Bridge Road, is one of the options being considered in the Maryland Transit Administration's Purple Line study.

But ACT has learned that Sen. Madaleno recently accompanied Town of Chevy Chase officials on an unpublicized visit to Governor Martin O'Malley to lobby in favor of the busway. The town strongly favors the Jones Bridge Road busway, which it has spent more than \$400,000 to promote.

Meanwhile Town of Chevy Chase residents have raised questions on a local listserv about whether the Madaleno meeting violated open meeting rules. A listserv contributor cited reports that three of the town's five council members had attended the meeting and asked whether what might amount to a council meeting had complied with open meeting laws.

For more information about the Jones Bridge Road busway, visit:
<http://www.innerpurpleline.org/dieseltrail.htm>

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