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HB 513 Transportation- Toll Discount Plans- Francis Scott Key Memorial Bridge February 20, 2020.

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Vice Chairman, and Distinguished Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today. I am Delegate Ric Metzgar from Legislative District 6, Baltimore Co.

HB 513 is a working class bill for computers who live in Baltimore City and Baltimore County and work in Anne Arundel County and vice versa to use the Francis Scott Key Memorial Bridge for an Annual Flat Fee of \$20.00. This \$20 Flat Fee is comparable to the Thomas J. Hattem Memorial Bridge over the Susquehanna River between Harford and Cecil County.

In addition for passenger cars, \$250 for a 90 day period; for trucks with two axles, \$350 for a 90 day period; and for trucks with three axles, \$500 for a 90 day period.

As you know, the Governor has reduced tolls in Maryland and offered EZ Pass discounts. However, HB 513 will add additional savings to ease the burden on our citizens who use the bridge to go to and from work to earn a living. I respectfully request a favorable report on HB 513. Thank you for your time and consideration.