

February 12, 2020

**Re: HB 480 - Transportation - Francis Scott Key Bridge - Shoppers Discount Plan**

Hon. Chair Kumar Barve  
6 Bladen Street, House Room 251  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Mr. Chair,

HB 480 requires the Maryland Transportation Authority to offer a toll discount plan that allows, on Sundays through Thursdays, 20 crossings of the Francis Scott Key Bridge within a period of 90 days for a fee of \$20, subject to mandatory renewal.

This bill, which was requested by a constituent of district six, would implement a plan similar to the Bay Bridge Shoppers Discount Plan. This proposal is in response to the impact of surrounding tolls on the working families of eastern Baltimore.

This bill would put in place a discount plan for frequent users to mitigate the impact of necessary usage of the Francis Scott Key Bridge. For adjacent communities, pulling out of your community to an immediate toll can be a radical burden on a person who is just looking to get to work.

Thank you for the hearing for House Bill 480. I am happy to take questions and I ask for a favorable report.

Sincerely,

Delegate Robin Grammer