

HOUSE BILL 299 testimony by John Kane on 2.11.20

Position: **Opposed**

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in opposition to HB 299.

I represent ***Citizens 4 Traffic Relief***, which is comprised of various Maryland based business and civic groups who oppose adoption of this reckless piece of legislation.

The crux of the bill is to limit the State's purchase of property along the proposed Traffic Relief Plan route. As most actions have an equal and balances reaction, the Sponsors of HB299 are inadvertently limiting the sale of the properties by current homeowners who have unfortunately become stuck in the vortex of the unknown.

Presently, these homeowners have no hope of selling their property to traditional homebuyers given the uncertainty associated with the P3 project. And while the Sponsors work feverishly to tie up the project in court, the sellers are held hostage with no hope of a selling to anyone.

We think the sponsors of this bill are recklessly playing with Maryland homeowner's pocketbooks.

Maryland Based Member Organizations

ABC Metro Washington – Chesapeake	Greater Silver Spring Chamber of Commerce	Suburban MD Transportation Alliance (SMT)
AOBA - Apartment & Office Building Association of Metro Washington – MD Chapter	Maryland Asphalt Association Maryland Builders Association	
American Council of Engineering Companies-Maryland	Maryland Chamber of Commerce	
Bethesda Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce	Maryland Motor Truck Association	
BWI Partnership	MD NAIOP, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association	
Clarksburg Chamber of Commerce	MD Transp. Builders & Materials Assn. (MTBMA)	
Vehicles For Change		
Frederick County Chamber of Commerce	Montgomery County Building Industry Association	
Gaithersburg Germantown Chamber of Commerce	Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce	
Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce	Prince George's County Business Roundtable	

