

March 1, 2020

Re: HB 519 - Transportation - Francis Scott Key Bridge – Commuter Toll Discount Plan

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

Mr. Chair,

HB 519 requires the Maryland Transportation Authority to offer a toll discount plan that allows for 25 crossings of the Francis Scott Key Bridge with a period of 45 days.

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 519. I am happy to take questions and I ask for a favorable report.

Sincerely,

Delegate Robin Grammer