

**Bill Number: HB 519**  
**Mike Barth, Baltimore County Resident**  
**Support**

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

Good afternoon,

I just saw your bill proposals regarding the tolls for tomorrow. My wife is a federal employee of the DOD and works at Ft. Meade. I am a former federal employee and now a DOD Contractor who also goes over the Key Bridge almost daily. We have four EZ Pass transponders (two additional for our daughters). We pay automatically through a credit card for our account, which is usually billed between \$225-300 for the 60 day billing period. We have calculated that we pay about \$1500-1800 annually for tolls alone. We don't have any other options but to use the Bridge or tunnels to get to work. We have lived in the Sparrows Point/ Dundalk area for over 25 years.

I estimate that as a family we have paid about \$45,000 in toll cost over this part of our careers supporting the Dept. of Defense. This is more than we have paid for the college education of our two daughters and is ridiculous. Please let the other leaders in Annapolis know that this unfair burden for the citizens of Sparrows Point and Dundalk has to end.

Thank you for your concern and leadership in this matter.

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