

Bill Number: HB 519
Tim Stadler, Baltimore County Resident
Support

Hon. Chair Kumar Barve
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Annapolis, MD 21401

Mr. Chair,

I fully support HB 519 and HB 520 for toll relief for the Francis Scott Key Bridge. My wife and I are residents of Edgemere and travel the bridge almost daily. My wife works in Columbia and crosses the bridge every day. I volunteer at a Senior Dog Sanctuary in Severn and travel across the bridge several times a week for adoption visits and to work with the dogs. Besides work and volunteering, we also travel across the bridge numerous times a month for recreation as well as dining / shopping activities. We are avid runners and bikers and use trails in Anne Arundel Co for recreation. We spend an enormous amount of money on tolls annually and have discussed if it would be beneficial to move to the "other side of the bridge" just to save money on the tolls. When you have to account for a \$6.00 expense(with the current commuter plan) just to drive somewhere, even if it's 15 miles away, you start to prioritize your trips and even cut back on some. Please consider voting for a toll relief bill so people do not have to choose where they work, shop, eat or play.

Thank you,

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