



January 23, 2018

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve
Environment and Transportation Committee
Room 251, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 0377 – Maryland Transportation Authority - Chesapeake Bay Bridge - Toll Collection
– **Oppose**

Dear Delegate Barve:

House Bill 0377 requires the Maryland Transportation Authority to implement a procedure at the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Chesapeake Bay Bridge by July 1, 2028, that required all tolls to be paid by an electronic means that allows vehicles to pass through the toll plaza without stopping at the toll booth.

At a time when Maryland is trying to promote tourism and travel throughout our state, it is impractical to bill out of state travelers the toll and ensuing administrative fees for which they would be liable, resulting in inevitable ill will toward the state of Maryland. It is also burdensome for residents of our state who cannot afford to pay yearly fees involved to carry an easy pass sticker for one or two trips through a toll gate.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 600 members, opposes this bill and asks that you give it an unfavorable report

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike McMullin'.

Mike McMullin
President
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Delegate Haven Shoemaker
Senator Justin Ready

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