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My brother < > is a civil engineer and worked in management at the World TradeCtr in NYC and EWR Airport Keep up the good work. I am always glad to see improvements.		7/17/2019 9:05
I'm sick of these tolls!!! I spend over 6k a year on my commute because of your tolls!!!!		7/17/2019 15:39
This is the reason why people are moving out new Jersey and new york. You're killing the middle class and it needs to stop.		7/17/2019 15:55
Please raise the tolls as much as possible to discourage cars from coming in to Manhattan or congesting the roads at airports.		7/17/2019 16:57
Raising the cost of the AirTrain to JFK unfairly punishes riders, especially groups and families. If it costs over \$7 per person each way, this will lead to many people traveling with three or more companions opting to take a car or taxi instead, which will lead to more traffic congestion and higher emissions. Please rethink this policy and, in fact, lower costs on the AirTrain to either make it free in one direction or a reduced price.		7/17/2019 17:02
Please do not do any price increase!!!! The buses, PATH and tolls are already sky high. The average commuter cannot keep up with these rising costs.		7/18/2019 14:06
We writing to express our support for your long-term capital plan and the proposed 2019 revisions.□		
We believe that one of the most important capital responsibilities the PANYNJ has is to ensure that strategic infrastructure investments are made to better the lives of our region's residents and to improve our regional economy. Clearly, the PANYNJ overall capital plan for \$37 billion over 7 years and the proposed new revisions do this. They will:□		
-Increase funding for JFK and Newark Airport Terminal One and provide planning funds for Newark Terminal Two□		
-Recommend new funding for a PATH Improvement Plan and a new Airtrain for Newark Airport □		
-Create new infrastructure for electric vehicles.□		
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Thousands of construction jobs and many new permanent jobs will be created by this plan while continuing support for growth in our region.□		
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We urge that this new revised capital plan be approved. Thank you for your consideration and support.	One Attachment	7/22/2019 7:36

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<p>Hello - Your article in the NY Daily News on Monday, July 22, 2019 was so eloquently stated that I applaud the raising of fares to accomplish the goals set by the Port Authority board. The article laid out the plans for a 21st century transportation hub as well as stated the newly built infrastructures throughout NY and NJ. I only hope my fellow New Yorkers will feel the same as I do and stand behind mgmt. as they work to bring NY and NJ a bigger and better transportation system.</p>		7/22/2019 8:53
<p>Testimony in file attached, thanks!</p>	One Attachment	7/22/2019 11:26
<p>Please see attached comment letter. The full text of this comment is also available at Regional Plan Association's website, <a href="http://www.rpa.org/article/regional-plan-association-testimony-on-port-authority-fare-and-toll-increases">http://www.rpa.org/article/regional-plan-association-testimony-on-port-authority-fare-and-toll-increases</a></p>	One Attachment	7/22/2019 15:31
<p>There is no viable mass transit to Nj from Staten Island.therefore we on Staten Island will be impacted with atoll home. Exp getting to EWR by mass transit will take hours. We need lower tolls so we could take our autos there and to other places in NJ.</p>		7/22/2019 18:40
<p>I would like to know why the pathway on the new Goethals Bridge for pedestrians and cyclists has not opened. I know road safety is a concern on the Staten Island side, but that can be solved. I ask Port Authority to take leadership on working with DOT so that this path can be opened. It's a credit to Port Authority to build a pathway for pedestrians and cyclists, but it's a waste of taxpayer money to have built it and have it remain inaccessible.</p>		7/22/2019 19:17
<p>Please see the attached letter stating our concerns with the pending toll increase.</p>	One Attachment	7/25/2019 10:33
<p>I AM VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED TO ANY TOLL INCREASES ON THE HUDSON RIVER CROSSINGS. THE TOLLS ARE ALREADY WAY TOO HIGH, CAUSING ME, A RETIREE, TO CURTAIL MY TRAVELING. I NOW LIMIT MY ANNUAL VISITS TO ATLANTIC CITY, LANCASTER, PA, AND HERSHEY, PA, AMONG OTHER POPULAR TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IN DRIVING DISTANCE FROM NYC.</p>		8/16/2019 9:46
<p>I am against the proposed fare increase. I am a retired senior citizen and have to avoid coming into the city because of the current exorbitantly high fares. Shame on you.</p>		8/16/2019 10:20

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<p>I have a problem with the pending toll increases by the port authority. Some of them are:☐</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Since E-ZPass users make toll collection more efficient and contribute to reduced congestion, why increase their costs? That doesn't make sense at all.☐</li> <li>2. The tunnels, bridges, and terminals are operating with a sizable profit. According to the projected 2019 Port Authority budget, tunnels, bridges, and terminals are operating with over \$300 million in free cash flow. So why are motorists being asked to pay more? ☐</li> <li>3. The carpool discount provides a great incentive to travel with others and reduce the overall number of cars using Authority facilities and feeder roads and highways. The Port Authority should be facilitating safe ways to accommodate this practice and should not even consider discontinuing the program until after all-electronic tolling is implemented. The Authority should find an innovative way to detect carpools with all-electronic tolling to charge the incentive rate.</li> </ol>		8/16/2019 10:30
<p>The cost of using MTA bridges is excessive for the average motorist. The Easy Pass system has and continues to save expenditures for the MTA. Thus I am requesting not only should the MTA not increase the tolls for motorists, but reduce the tolls for motorists who use Easy Pass to pay the tolls. The savings for the use of the Easy Pass belongs to the motorists not the MTA.</p>		8/16/2019 11:25
<p>Proposed motorcycle E-ZPass tolls are too high, so please introduce a motorcycle discount plan through E-ZPass NY and NJ E-ZPass modeled after "Thruway Motorcycle Discount Plan" through E-ZPass NY per <a href="https://www.e-zpassny.com/en/about/plans.shtml">https://www.e-zpassny.com/en/about/plans.shtml</a> :☐</p> <p>☐</p>		
<p>"Thruway Motorcycle Discount Plan***: Proof of motorcycle registration is required to receive special motorcycle tag. Motorcycles will be charged 50% of the cash toll rate. Cannot be combined with commuter plans. Plan Code: (MTRC)"</p>		8/16/2019 14:16

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<p>I am in absolute disagreement with these toll increases. They are not needed and are completely unjustified. If they go through, I will most certainly curtail my trips into Manhattan and across the bridges. □</p> <p>In less than 10 years, off-peak E-ZPass rates will have increased by 57%. That's mostly thanks to the exorbitant and non-transparent four annual increases experienced from 2012 to 2015. Considering there are plans to incorporate electronic tolling throughout Manhattan, it will soon be over \$50 each way to do business in this city.□</p> <p>Increasing tolls based on inflation, now or in the future, undermines the public review process and the Port Authority's own financial review process to determine appropriate and fair toll rates. □</p> <p>The tunnels, bridges, and terminals are operating with a sizable profit. According to the projected 2019 Port Authority budget, tunnels, bridges, and terminals are operating with over \$300 million in free cash flow. So why are motorists being asked to pay more?</p>		8/20/2019 16:46
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<p>Chairman O'Toole,□</p> <p>□</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong opinion against the proposed toll hike you are putting on commuters. We have long, strenuous daily commutes and incur a significant cost traveling to and from New York City (NYC). Some of these costs include bus or train fare (or both), tolls already in place, subway or bus fare in NYC, and now I hear that you want to raise the tolls again. Whenever, I hear policymakers talking about commuting, we are encouraged to take mass transit, but you are adding on costs to the people heading your requests by raising tolls. Also, hearing the debate about congestion pricing concerns me. □</p> <p>I would hope that when making your final decision on this toll hike you consider giving commuters who use mass transit, as you and others have encouraged us to do, a break. John OHagan</p>		8/22/2019 13:07

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I oppose the plans for increasing the Port Authority proposed toll increases for bridges and tunnels and decreasing the discount for EZ Pass. Is there no end to the increases in fees we have to pay in this area. I am among many who are seriously considering moving out of NJ to a more user friendly state, before it hurts property values more and everyone rushes for the door at the same time! Thanks for your consideration. KEITH MURPHY		9/4/19 18:26
It sure seems like the toll increases in the last 20 years are on the ridiculous and probably corrupt side. Where's the money going to? Is it going to the executives of the Port Authority, just like so many organizations these days? If the Port Authority is running at a nice profit, the only logical explanation is that the toll increases will go to pay for bonuses and perks for management, and maybe to pay for lobbying. Sure seems like it's just another way to steal the cash flow from the working people, those that can't ride a helicopter to their destination. Disgusting to raise tolls when it's not needed. Eric Weisgerber		9/4/19 19:32
I live and work on Staten Island and only travel to New Jersey a few times a month. Sometimes I travel for work, but mostly I cross the Port Authority's bridges to visit family and friends or to patronize New Jersey's outlet malls, restaurants or museums. Given my salary as an employee of a non-profit, I drive to Newark airport much more often to pick up a loved one than I do to fly somewhere myself. Even with the current Staten Island resident discount, traveling to NJ is an expense. If I were to be required to take ten trips a month in order to receive the discount, the expense would be prohibitive. The Port Authority is a cooperative effort between NY and NJ which seeks to create ease of travel and commerce between the two states. This plan works against that purpose, especially considering the lack of alternative means of transportation between Staten Island and NJ. I ask that you reconsider the toll increase and retain the Staten Island discount as it is. Gabriella Leone		9/4/19 22:21

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<p>As a Staten Islander I'm tired of us always getting screwed over. Let Staten Island &amp; 4 other boros have the minimum 3 trips and out of 5 boros &amp; other states pay full fare. We have to suffer put up with constant traffic getting on and off Staten Island on top of the many Speed &amp; red light cameras - property taxes- water bills. Enough is enough. Just another reason why NYers are doing mass exodus to other wallet friendly states. Erik Pistek</p>		9/5/19 7:57
<p>Where, and when does it end? More money from the taxpayers. From every side, we're getting our pockets picked by the government. Now you want to raise tolls, tolls which should be abolished completely. I thought this country was serious about energy conservation, yet cars and trucks must sit in line for miles to pay tolls while wasting time and energy to give the government money. How much of the budget is being used to support the toll system? Booths, scanners, personnel, repairs, improvements, all of which would be unnecessary if there were no tolls. Certainly, the actual roads and bridges have been paid for over and over and over again throughout the years, yet the government wants more and more money. Perhaps you haven't been using the money you've been given efficiently, but that's your fault not the fault of the public. If I mismanage my business and expect the public to pay increasing costs because of my failures, I go out of business. Try actually doing your jobs properly. Jonathan Henry</p>		9/5/19 8:02
<p>I would like to state my opposition to the toll increase and the proposal to raise number of trips for Staten Island residents. We can't leave this island and return without being charged a high toll. It seems we are constantly being overcharged for everything. It is driving families to leave the island and the governor is driving people to leave New York. Raymond Dunleavy</p>		9/5/19 8:05
<p>I am retired but I continue to work as a Per Diem nurse on SI. However I do not make 10 trips to SI and I then will not be able to continue to work there. My income will go down and it already disgusting how Seniors suffer in this country. ANN DELGADO</p>		9/5/19 8:32

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I am writing in response to the proposed increase on the PA bridges as well as the required number of trips in order to receive a discount as a resident of Staten Island. It is so costly to leave the island as it is and then to increase the number of trips required to receive a discount is robbery. I feel as if the PA is gouging the residents of Staten Island because it is obvious we need to use a bridge to go anywhere. This is unjust. David Cadunzi		9/5/19 9:12
Proposal to raise number of frequent commuters trips from 3 to 10 along with removal of carpool program penalizes families with kids the most. Between crazy cost of the Verrazzano bridge and more than doubling cost of the NJ facing bridges, families with two kids are now denied rights to exit the island without excessive cost of the trip. This is unfair to parents, counting every cent and working hard to provide to their families. Please don't increase the frequent commuter trip number, don't take away opportunity for families to travel. Elena Pachkovskiy		9/5/19 9:26
You people are killing Staten Island residents! We are hostage to your ever increasing tolls! You constantly raise them without opposition. I say that because you don't care who opposes it you'll raise it anyway! Then to top it all off with the amount we pay to get home every day, you do nothing to make travel easier. What you should do is hire a bunch of baboons to run the port authority! They would probably do a better job! I can't wait for this upcoming year when I make my move to South Carolina, I will gladly leave this bloodsucking New York/New Jersey area and the morons (cuomo and Murphy) who run it and never look back! Joseph Keeney		9/5/19 9:47
Raising the amount of times is a joke. Just screwing the people of Staten Island again. Can't you just leave things alone. Glenn Adelson <input type="checkbox"/>		9/5/19 9:55
This plan to raise tolls is getting ridiculous. My grandmother lives in Brooklyn and we have family NJ. A trip to NJ will cost her around 35.00. To get to my aunts house. Enough with the toll hikes!! Its getting increasingly more expensive to live in Staten Island for everyone!! Gabrielle Parente		9/5/19 9:57
Outrageous. We are already the most taxed people in the world. This is abuse. Kevin Fitzgerald		9/5/19 11:19
We pay enough money for tolls some of us don't get to NJ 3 times a month let alone doing 10 stop robbing us Staten Islanders out of our hard earned pay!! David Johnson		9/5/19 11:29
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Disgusting!! Staten Islanders of the forgotten borough need some relief and 10 is way over tge top. Help islanders!!! Patricia Sardina		9/5/19 12:41

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<p>No 10 trips keep it at 3 we are broke I'll ride my bike over. Mike Zambino</p>		9/5/19 15:00
<p>Staten Island residents are the only boro that has to pay a toll to return to the island. We do our shopping in NJ because clothes, gas and food shopping is generally less expensive. Taking away our EZ Pass 3 trip discount will further put us deeper in the hole and that is the last thing us residents need. Please reconsider taking away this discount we so dearly need. We have enough on our plates in daily and monthly expenses. Fred Nattboy</p>		9/5/19 15:54
<p>Not only do I have to deal with a red light/speed camera every few blocks, the largest land fill in the world, streets that are falling apart, a mayor that wants to rezone schools and send my kids to shit schools, a police force with their hands tied, a heroin crisis, real estate taxes that have gone up and up and up, paychecks that have gone done, prices for tutors have gone up, Now I have to deal with the state hammering me just to leave my borough in every direction(staten island has 4 bridges that I have to pay a toll at). This state is chasing away the people that work hard and make it great. 7 more years and I'm outa here. This state will be a shithole within the next 20 years and all you politicians who just keep on hammering the residents can blame yourselves when your pensions turn to dust because you chase all the money out. Charles Boone</p>		9/5/19 15:54

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<p>I want to do my check book the way you do! Stop using us as your personal piggy bank. Enough is enough there is no reason for you to be doing this... you constantly take and take. Kim Toth</p>		9/5/19 18:37
<p>For the life of me , I can not understand why you would want to make it harder for people to travel and do business . You are hurting the citizens of NYC !!!! Please do not change the ez pass from 3-10 and please do not raise the tolls anymore . This is getting out of control ! Stop the greed !!!! Steven Beals</p>		9/5/19 19:00
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<p>When is enough enough?!?!                      The people of Staten Island are constantly footing the bill for the Port Authority's frivolous spending. To eliminate our carpool discount and raise the number of trips to receive our resident discount seems unfair and tone-deaf to the burden Staten Islanders face. We have no choice but to pay to get home! Your cashless tolling system is a joke, I've seen people driving around with scratched off, partial license plate numbers in order to avoid paying tolls. What is being done to combat this behavior? I can only assume nothing, it is the law abiding citizens who always pay in the end!</p>		9/6/19 13:56
<p>Please don't increase the toll on Staten island bridges. It is already been very high toll for Staten Island residents. Edmond Huang  <input type="checkbox"/></p>		9/6/19 14:36
<p>To who it might concern                      I have been a resident of Staten Island for 34 years and now that I am retired and living on a fixed income I have found the cost of living more than any One can handle and now we are talking about toll increases and repeal of discount fairs , it is hard enough living in an island where you are forgotten and neglected as a tax payer. Lou Vale</p>		9/6/19 14:46
<p>I'm a Staten Island resident who travel to Jersey on occasions. I am retired and on a fixed income.By takings away the 3 trip discount it is a financial hardship. Staten Island is the only borough that a t system s toll to enter. Jeri Santiago</p>		9/6/19 14:57
<p>To whom it may concern,                      As a resident currently residing in Staten Island of New York, I strongly advise that you review your propose changes to tolls. The increase in tolls and the plan to eliminate our carpool discounts negatively impacts those that live on the island. Many need to cross the bridges to commute to work and this proposed plan will have a huge negative impact for us. I urge you to please review and take the residents of Staten Island into consideration! Thank you, Ka Yeung</p>		9/6/19 15:15

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I disagree with the toll increase. As a staten Island resident, I am already paying high toll prices and can't imagine it increasing anymore! I am already paying a high price to take public transportation and taking away the car pool will drastically affect me and my family. Please take this into consideration, Darlene Williams		9/6/19 15:26
I'm a resident of Staten Island, It will be a great hardship for me if you change the SI Resident discount being a retired family. Also I feel that Staten islanders is the only borough that has to pay to enter. Jeri Santiago		9/6/19 15:33
We need the residents discount and card pool, otherwise I can't afford to cross the bridge. Mayra SUAREZ-REID		9/6/19 15:34
We don't see our yearly salary going up. When will you stop raping us? Peter Silowan		9/6/19 15:39
As a lifelong resident of Staten Island I have seen many, many toll increases over the years however this new proposal by the Port Authority to increase the number of trips for the Staten Island Bridge Plan is nothing but a discriminatory measure against the people of Staten Island. The new Goethals Bridge is handling more traffic that ever, which means the Port Authority is making much more in tolls, give us a break, we live on an Island and the bridges are a necessity. Keep the number of trips at 3. The price is going up so it's not like we still won't be paying more. Janet Hellmann		9/6/19 17:27
No changes for Staten Island!! We're already suffer for crowded Highways! Erin Moss		9/6/19 18:45
It makes no sense to eliminate the EZ-pass discount! Why bother having an EZ-pass if there is no discount? I'll send mine back and let you incur the additional cost of mailing me toll charges after photographing my license plate. In addition, this toll increase will discourage me from using bridges and tunnels. I'd rather stay on Long Island than continue to pay increasing costs for services that don't improve. George Tranos		9/6/19 19:00
I oppose to increase in toll and chg in commute fro 3 to 10 over nj bridges. Brridges are the only source of entries into staten Island. Daisy Villar		9/6/19 19:46
I oppose the bridge and tunnel toll increases! E-ZPass users make toll collection more efficient and contribute to reduced congestion, why increase their costs? John Raup		9/6/19 20:00
My name is Danny yeung. I will find it unreasonable for the price to go up again. I drive to work to Brooklyn everyday. The price that will definitely affect people from Staten Island. Is not fair!		9/7/19 10:32

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<p>The price for the bridge is increasing too rapidly! It is very unfair to all the residents of Staten Island since that is the main route out. We depend on it tremendously and us the residents are the ones that's paying for it. At this rate we won't be able to even afford to go to work! This is already the most expensive bridge I don't see why the price need to go all the time! Jody Hui</p>		9/7/19 10:47
<p>It is outrageous that you want to increase tolls. Basing tolls on inflation undermines the review processes to determine appropriate and fair toll rates. The tunnels and bridges are operating with a sizable profit, with the projected 2019 budget operating with over \$300 million in free cash flow. So why are we being asked to pay more? Volume on the facilities has continually increased while service performance has deteriorated. Why should motorists pay more for poorer service? E-ZPass users make toll collection more efficient and contribute to reduced congestion. Why increase their costs? Tom McCarey</p>		9/7/19 14:59
<p>Staten Island residents are being penalized for Capital projects that are being planned for other Boroughs who aren't losing their options. Commuter/HOV option is an easy fix much like what the MTA did with the Verrazzano bridge where SI residents can use the E-ZPass HOV switch on their receiver. Raising the amount of trips from 3 to 10 as well as changing peak/off-peak hours is absurd. Newark is our home airport with no mass transit or PA transportation services to get people there. Reginald Nau</p>		9/7/19 16:59
<p>I'm opposed to your proposed change to eligibility for the Staten Island Bridges plan from the current 3 trips per month to 10 trips per month in order to receive the discounted toll. I live in Staten Island and must pay high tolls any time I want to visit family and friends. I'm retired and on a fixed income so the increased tolls and loss of the current discount plan would hit me very hard. I don't make 10 trips per month into New Jersey so I would lose the discount altogether plus pay increased tolls on these bridges. I want to stay in Staten Island but may have to leave and move to a less expensive area of the country if prices keep going up and discounts become more restrictive. Please keep the 3 trip discount in place. Wendy Sadler</p>		9/8/19 17:49

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<p>Staten Island is a unique place since the citizens of this small island cannot leave without paying a toll. If we need to care for a loved one, shop, visit friends, etc., every single time we leave this Island we must pay a toll. Instead of increasing tolls and decreasing discounts, our government should be finding ways to eliminate our tolls. Why make this harder for us than it should be—keep the discount plan at three trips using the PA bridges to New Jersey and don't increase it to ten trips per month. New York State lost 48,560 residents between July 2017 and July 2018. These exorbitant tolls is pricing ordinary people out of this region. I don't want to be one if them but it's getting increasingly difficult to stay here. William Sadler</p>		9/8/19 18:12
<p>This action to raise Staten Island residents cost is absurd and to remove the car pooling discount is unfair to those who are trying to save money in this now un-affordable city. We in SI are in the middle and should not have to pay another penny to get to/from Brooklyn and NJ. It is unfortunate that SI residents also have to deal with the ridiculous traffic in and out daily. Someone forgot when they worked on the Goethals bridge to correct the main problem that causes the bottleneck traffic which is the entrance off the bridge to the turnpike. Something needs to be done about this. Biance Rios</p>		9/9/19 9:46
<p>Sirs,these proposed fare hikes, including requiring 10 trips per month for Staten Island residents to receive a discount will have the effect of holding Staten Islanders hostage on the island. The toll hikes penalize commuters who use the island bridges for shopping and taking trips off of the island and using bridges as they were intended which is to provide access for the citizens here to reach the mainland of the country. The toll increases hit lower income commuters on Staten Island the hardest, leaving them with even less options to access businesses and jobs off of the island. In addition, eliminating the carpool option has the effect of discouraging islanders who want to conserve resources with less incentive to do so. The MTA has maintained their car pool system after going cashless though the PA says it is too cumbersome. Please maintain current tolls, maintain the 3 trip SI option and reinstate the carpool option for islanders and SET US FREE! Thank you, Daniel Tompkins</p>		9/9/19 14:14

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<p>I am writing to voice my opposition to the Port Authority's propose toll hike. The GWB generates close to 600 Million a year which provides a huge operating surplus. Why are motorists being asked to pay more? As a daily user of the GWB bridge I have seen how they have neglected to do maintenance on the bridge to the point that now we are getting emergency road maintenance closures pretty much every week. So in effect they want us to pay more for poorer service. At a time when traffic is getting worse and worse they should be encouraging car pooling. Getting rid of the car pool discounts will only mean more cars going into Manhattan causing worse traffic jams. They should keep the car pool discounts. At the same time why are EZ pass users being asked to pay more? The EZ pass system has dropped the cost of collecting tolls, the discount should stay to encourage it's use. Without the discount there is no reason to use it. Alex Rodriguez</p>		9/9/19 15:27
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<p>Audit, reduce expenses, and eliminate waste but don't increase tolls. Tony Rodriguez</p>		9/10/19 20:29
<p>I disagree with the toll increase. I am a Staten Island residents who is struggling financially. I am retired and I am on a fixed income. Timothy DeLuca</p>		9/10/19 21:04
<p>I will find it financially burdensome to have the Staten island discount toll of the new Jersey bridges go from 3 times a month to 10 times a month. I probably won't go over the bridge at all if I'm required to go over 10 times to receive the discount.</p>		9/11/19 21:51

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Date: July 22, 2019

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New York State Laborers Employment Cooperation and Education Trust (NYS LECET) is a labor management organization representing over 40,000 members, twenty- four local unions and a number of affiliated contractors. We work statewide with numerous stakeholders to promote investment in economic development, transportation and utility infrastructure.

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# Regional Plan Association Testimony on Port Authority Fare and Toll Increases

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Good morning, I am Nat Bottigheimer, NJ Director at Regional Plan Association.

Investing in our regional transportation system is essential for those who live and work in the New York region and to support continued economic growth.

Regional Plan Association supports the Port Authority's recently announced amendments to its capital plan to build transit links to our airports, which will benefit both drivers and transit riders.

While nobody ever wants to pay more, toll increases on our congested tunnels and bridges are necessary to generate investment in our infrastructure systems and maintain regional competitiveness.

It's more important than ever to reduce carbon emissions and to fund critical trans-Hudson projects including Gateway, PATH, and the Port Authority bus terminal. RPA strongly supports the Port Authority in taking these steps.

The fare and toll increases will allow the following projects to move forward:

- New PATH Improvement Plan which would allow increased capacity on the Newark-WTC line by 40 percent and all other lines by 20 percent by 2022. This is vital as population growth continues in Jersey City and its neighbors, and as other cross Hudson transit options become increasingly unreliable
- Electric vehicle infrastructure, which would allow investment in public electric charging stations and the conversion of PA shuttle buses to all electric fleets.
- Planning for a new Terminal Two at Newark Airport
- Construction of new AirTrains at Newark Airport and LaGuardia Airport; AND
- Improvements to JFK Redevelopment and Newark's Terminal One

RPA has the following recommendations as you continue this dialogue:

**Apply drop off fees more broadly and consider fees consistent with Airtrain fees**

RPA has long advocated for drop-off and pick-up charges to pay for these investments. We applaud the Port Authority for their proposal to join other major airports around the country in doing this.

We also urge consideration of higher vehicle drop off fees, so transit and auto trips to the airport are equalized. Under the current proposal, drop off fees are \$4.00, and Airtrain fares will be \$7.75. Also, pooled for hire trips should be encouraged, so we recommend drop-off fees be instituted per vehicle rather than per passenger.

Further, RPA supports drop off fees on all vehicles to help pay for needed investments, including private automobiles.

To support this, the Port Authority should document all the expenses associated with airport auto access, including:

- Port Authority Police and traffic operations
- Snow removal
- Roadway repairs
- Stormwater drain maintenance; and
- Carrying cost of capital investment in roads

### **Ensure the Airtrain replacement at Newark Airport benefits Newark residents**

Because its construction was funded with Passenger Facility Charges, the Newark Airport Rail station is not accessible to members of the public - only to those accessing the airport for travel or for airport workers.

This lack of access prevents the airport rail station area from providing support services to the aviation community, such as hotel and convention space, and other aviation support services that could be a simple AirTrain trip away from Newark's terminals.

The inaccessibility of the airport rail station denies the City of Newark a useful economic development opportunity, denies Newark Airport users a potentially valuable amenity, and prevents area residents from taking advantage of new employment opportunities in the heart of their community.

RPA recommends that as part of the planned AirTrain rebuilding program, the PA reconstruct the AirTrain Rail Station to make land along Frelinghuysen Avenue directly accessible, and to work with property owners in the rail station area as sellers,

partners, or stakeholders so that rebuilding of the AirTrain provides not just reliable terminal access from the rail station, but from south Newark as well.

Because airport pick-up and drop-off charges and AirTrain ticket revenue are not restricted as PFCs are, these could be used to fund AirTrain and AirTrain rebuilding and open the station to public access.

Land owners along Frelinghuysen Avenue whose property values would increase as a result of having new, direct airport access could also contribute to AirTrain rebuilding funding.

### **Ensure PATH extension project moves forward and brings benefits to Newark residents**

Right now there is \$1.7 billion in the capital program for the PATH train to be extended to Newark Airport. RPA has been working with the City of Newark and local stakeholders to develop a community based vision for the area around the future PATH station. We strongly support this project and believe it will bring not only enhanced airport access but better mobility and community development opportunities to Newark's South Ward.

### **Ensure Terminal Two Redevelopment Allows for Future Expansion of Airport Capacity**

Expanding Newark Airport's capacity to accommodate more flight operations and passengers is an important foundation of ongoing regional economic strength.

As the Port Authority begins planning for reinvestment in Terminal Two, the PA should consider how the rebuilt terminal's footprint will affect the potential to add a third runway on the 4-22 alignment.

With regional air passenger volumes projected by RPA to grow from their recent level of 125 million per year to at least 200 million annually by 2060 -- and with recent Port Authority forecasts envisioning 175 million passengers a year by 2033 -- it is critical that planned Terminal improvements be consistent with a publically articulated program of airport capacity expansion.

RPA requests the Port Authority to fund as part of the Terminal Two rebuilding program a detailed analysis showing how Terminal improvements are consistent with, and do not preclude, the potential to expand airport capacity that would support forecast levels of passenger growth, including a potential new runway that may be needed for that purpose.

### **Ensure Terminal Two Redevelopment allows Airport Headhouse to be moved to Northeast Corridor Station**

The Terminal Two rebuilding program should support a migration of airport “headhouse” operations -- such as ground access, baggage pick up and drop off, & security -- from the middle of the airfield, where they are presently located, to a new, state-of-the-art facility serving all Newark Airport terminals that is co-located with a new, higher-capacity Newark Airport rail station that leverages the airport’s unique access to the Northeast Corridor.

Consider two-way tolling at Hudson Crossings as congestion pricing is implemented in NYC

NYC is poised to implement congestion pricing in early 2021. As such, RPA has evaluated options and found that two way tolling at all crossings coming into Manhattan would deliver the greater mobility benefits. We urge the Port to work with the MTA to rationalize the region’s tolling structure, to discourage people to drive farther distances to seek cheapest routes (e.g. “toll shopping”).

Ensure Gateway Tunnel and PABT move forward in new capital program

The Gateway Tunnel and Port Authority Bus Terminal are critical elements of a regional economy that links northern New Jersey’s workforce with employment opportunities in New York City and vice versa. RPA supports the PA continuing to prioritize these regionally critical projects.



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July 24, 2019

Mr. Rick Cotton,  
Executive Director  
The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey  
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Dear Mr. Cotton,

My name is Thomas JeBran and I am the President of Trans-Bridge Lines, Inc. We are a third generation, family owned business who has been serving the Lehigh Valley, along with New Jersey and New York for over 75 years. Our company offers Charter, Tour and Travel, regular route and contract transit services. Our fleet consists of 71 buses and we employ over 185 employees.

We are aware of the impending toll increases for travel into New York City. We are respectively asking to be exempt from the proposed toll hike. Our company has been transporting thousands of passengers in and out of New York City for both work and recreational purposes for decades. We have always tried to provide our customers with fair and competitive prices. Increasing the tolls is a counterproductive action that not only penalizes the transportation industries, but could also have a negative impact on the established businesses in the city. Trans-Bridge Lines strives to provide an economic and cost effective method of travel which also benefits the retail, industrial and consumer aspects of the city. Having to raise our fares to offset the costs of the toll increases is not a favorable option but may be the only feasible solution.

At this point, imposing a toll hike could very well jeopardize the already established economical and practical form of transportation for many, many people. Using our services has had a positive environmental factor by reducing the number of personal vehicles on the city streets.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and we are hopeful that an agreement could be reached that would exclude Trans-Bridge Lines from the increased toll hike.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. JeBran  
President  
Trans-Bridge Lines, Inc.

## Can stop revenue loss and prevent PA image

I am Vinod varghese working as Supervisor with ABM Parking services at JFK.

Since last one week, after new parking system implemented in Yello and Red lot, I have seen 'lot of bleeding' daily . I found this because of the following reasons and can be reduced or stoped

1. Non-functioning of "new exit lane causes rush in other lane.
2. Due to implementation of hand held credit card swipe machine (it takes more time than stipulated)
3. In parking lots where new system implemented, there , if patron/customer comes to cashier/unmanned lane for exit , he/she has to do the following :
  - a. When customer with new ticket has to enter in manned booth, (when new system is down or patron come to cashier lane ) every time cashier has to get approval of lost ticket , either from control room or Supervisor ( approximate time taken between 1-4 minutes)
  - b. After getting lost ticket approval cashier has to take approval for "new date and time entry" (that too take approximately between 1-4 minutes)
  - c. Every time Cashier/Supervisor has to use hand held credit card machine and get patrons signature (average 2 to 4 minute)

By doing all these, cashier need average 2-4 minute for one car. This causes chaos in lot. Secondly what I observed was, some taxi guys (mostly illegal taxies) utilise this situation and started honk the horn, their partners on other vehicle also starts to honk and general public joins with them. After this definitely some people starting shouting and abusing us. Which leads our panic call to ABM control room and further call to your office for 'bleeding' permission.

I am sure due to this , there is a major revenue loos for Port Authority as well as , bad impression about PA's new traffic system. Further it demoralise our(ABM staff) spirit too.

I have few suggestions based on my previous knowledge and experience in IT implementation field.

1. If we make some changes in software like :
  - a. Eliminate approval for 'lost claim' and time edit. – By doing this we can eliminate 1 minute . (we can restrict this for yellow or red lot only by writing few lines in programmes, like when cashier go for lost claim entry , one menu for asking which lot?, if it is yellow lot and red lot , then only it allow without approval, else need approval as usual).

- b. Secondly instead of new credit card machine system, if we can manually enter credit/debit card number and details in payment window,(as we do earlier when card fail to read in machine due to poor or unreadable magnetic strip) can save maximum time. (2 minute).

By this way we can save 3 mint means within 1 minute one cashier can free a patron from lot and by this we can avoid this big loss of revenue as well as great embracement for all.

Now it is only in two lots and, PA is going to implemnet in all lots within one year. If we can make these changes , we can save revenue and PA reputations.

Really it is giving immense mental pressure for both cashiers and Supervisors (of course those all related with this functions) working lots these days.

Sincerely

Vinod varghese



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August 26, 2019

The Honorable Kevin O'Toole, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners  
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey  
Public Hearing Comments  
22 Park Avenue South, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10003

Dear Chairman O'Toole:

I write to express my strong opposition to the Port Authority of New York/New Jersey (PANY/NJ) proposed toll, fee, and fare increases. The increases are a huge disappointment and frustration for New Jersey workers who use the PANY/NJ systems and who are paying some of the highest costs in the nation to commute to work. The already inflated tolls, fees, and fares will be indexed to inflation, meaning that the cost to commute will increase year after year, even though workers' wages are not keeping up with inflation. Low and middle-income residents will pay more for their food and other purchases when the toll increases on trucks are passed on to consumers.

There is never a good time to increase costs on commuters, but at a time when all signs are pointing toward a recession, an increase is particularly ill timed. Asking commuters to pay a hefty increase will impact the economy and frustrate the job market at a time when we should be more cautious. As you well know, New Jersey's gas tax was increased by 23 cents per gallon in 2016. Because of the true-up clause in the law, the tax was raised another 20 percent in 2018 to help cover a funding deficit. Our residents are over-taxed and overburdened and cannot afford to lose more of their income by paying more to get to work. With costs continuing to increase, it comes as no surprise that our state's economic recover from the last recession has lagged behind other states.

I do not believe the PANY/NJ has shown good faith to the public. Before asking commuters to pay even one cent more, the PANY/NJ should be making reforms to help reduce the costs of a bloated agency. I have not seen where the PANY/NJ has made any sacrifice, but only where the public has been and continues to be unduly burdened.

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August 26, 2019  
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I have made this similar plea to the PANY/NJ Commissioners in the past; however, I hope this time they will listen. It is categorically unfair to ask the low and middle-income workers to shoulder more and more of the burden, especially when there are other options to consider. More families are finding it difficult to make ends meet and the toll, fare, and fee increases will only add to the unaffordability problem we have in this state. I urge the Board of Commissioners to reject this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shirley K. Turner". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Shirley K. Turner  
Senator -15<sup>th</sup> District

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cc: Board of Commissioners



## **NATIONAL MOTORISTS ASSOCIATION**

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Dear Port Authority Board of Commissioners:

On behalf of the New Jersey and New York Chapters of the National Motorists Association (NMA), this letter provides our comments in opposition to the proposed increase in bridge and tunnel tolls. As the head of the New Jersey Chapter since 1988, I have actively participated in the process for every past toll increase proposal and maintain records and good recollections about the past debates and controversies.

This time around, the proposal for increases in bridge and tunnel tolls can best be summarized as near-term revenue growth with little transparency, ignoring future impacts and missing integration opportunities for service improvements. It seems the Port Authority is seeking to capitalize on immediate and future revenue increases from motorists via inflation-based adjustments without regard for the impact on your relationship with motorists or the impact of the future implementation of all-electronic tolling. Our comments will address these issues.

### **Inflation-Based Toll Increases**

The 6% increase for the cash toll does equate to an actual average inflation rate of 2.25% per year from 2016 through 2019 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics consumer price index. But the 12% increase of the off-peak E-ZPass toll is double the cash rate change and certainly not in line with inflation as a result of the misguided reason for the E-ZPass toll change.

In less than 10 years, off-peak E-ZPass rates will have increased by almost 60%. That's mostly attributed to the exorbitant and non-transparent four annual increases experienced from 2012 to 2015. If you factor just inflation from 2011 to 2020, the off-peak rate would still be less than \$9 instead of the proposed \$11.75.

Increasing tolls automatically based on inflation, now or in the future, appears to take the critical due diligence by the public and the Port Authority out of the loop and calls into question both the appropriateness and fairness of toll charges. The public is still reeling from the last set of increases and, while there have been improvements in governance, the Port Authority hasn't yet earned the public's trust to bypass scrutiny of toll charge changes.

The tunnels, bridges and terminals also appear to be operating with a margin. According to the projected 2019 Port Authority budget, tunnels, bridges and terminals are operating with over \$300 million in free cash flow. So why are motorists being asked to pay more, especially with no changes to the \$10 billion Tunnels, Bridges & Terminals Capital Plan? Similarly, traffic volume on the facilities have continually increased since the last toll increase while service performance has not improved and, in some cases, deteriorated. Should motorists pay more for poorer service?

## **Limiting E-ZPass Toll Discounts to NY and NJ Accounts**

The proposal to follow the often-greedy path of other tolling agencies in the region and beyond to limit E-ZPass toll discounts to users registered with a New York or New Jersey E-ZPass Customer Service Center account is short-sighted on several counts.

First, the Port Authority earned its long-established leadership role in electronic tolling by providing all E-ZPass users the same applicable E-ZPass rates to satisfy customer expectations and fairness for all motorists. If this practice changes, a non-NY/NJ E-ZPass commuter would pay up to 52% more under the proposal for each trip over the George Washington Bridge! This would be an extremely unfair practice that unjustly targets out-of-state motorists.

Second, the future implementation of all-electronic tolling – via plate capture and toll by mail – will be fraught with problems given the track record of every other implementation in New York. We expect the Port Authority's implementation to be somewhat better by virtue of its experience and the nature of the facilities, but problems will be inevitable.

A key mitigation to these problems is to further maximize the number of motorists using E-ZPass by maintaining the same applicable E-ZPass rates for all users instead of charging non-NY/NJ E-ZPass users more. Enhanced E-ZPass revenue would replace the otherwise lost revenue from plates that can't be read or later identified and the costs of collecting unpaid mailed bills. The George Washington Bridge, that is part of the I-95 corridor used by millions, carries substantial non-commuter traffic. Effective E-ZPass pricing would justify reluctant motorists to adopt E-ZPass use both within and outside the region.

## **Carpool Discount Program**

The carpool discount program should not be discontinued, and more should be done to promote and support it. The program provides a great incentive for motorists to travel with others and reduce the overall number of cars using Authority facilities and feeder roads and highways, thereby providing better service to those who can't carpool and must pay more.

The Port Authority should be facilitating safe ways to accommodate this practice (e.g., physical infrastructure and an app) and should not even consider discontinuing the program until after all-electronic tolling is implemented. For that matter, the Authority should find an innovative way to detect carpools with all-electronic tolling to charge the incentive rate. And even a manual means for detection would be worth doing while working to develop an automated method.

## **Future Impact of Congestion Pricing**

The Port Authority will be placed in an uncomfortable position with the upcoming implementation of congestion pricing in Manhattan. Aside from any technical contributions to support crediting the toll for a congestion charge, political battles will ensue with the Authority literally stuck in the middle. More demands may be directed to the Authority that could impact its mission. While New York City is no longer motorist friendly, the Port Authority is supposed to be given the bridges and tunnels service motor vehicles after collecting a toll to enter NYC!

## **Recommendations**

Given our comments, the NMA recommends the Port Authority:

- Provide a transparent financial basis for maintaining or increasing bridge and tunnel tolls and propose changes in line with that basis. If inflation is a factor, show it in detailed financial documents made publicly available. Then go through the standard public proposal process to justify the change. No automatic inflation adjustments.
- Maintain applicable E-ZPass rates for all users regardless of where their E-ZPass account is registered. Changes to E-ZPass rates should also be made on a transparent financial basis as described above. Take advantage of this long-standing E-ZPass rate policy to better integrate the introduction of all-electronic tolling.
- Keep, market, grow and enhance the carpool discount program. Innovate to create the physical and virtual infrastructure to better implement the program.

Across all the major categories of capital plan expenditure (Aviation, TB&T, PATH, Port and WTC), the motoring public, as a consumer of your services, is one of the two major stakeholders. The Port Authority must pay more attention to the needs and expectations of this segment and not assume they are just a nuisance to deal with or powerless to impact Authority policies directed at them. A good start is adopting our recommendations. You can be sure we will be sharing our views with those that oversee the actions of the Board of Commissioners.

I would be happy to further discuss any aspect of our comments and recommendations during your deliberations and am reachable at the contact information in the letterhead. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Stephen G. Carrellas*

**Stephen G. Carrellas, P.E.**  
**Director of Government and Public Affairs**

## Benson, Asm. D.O.

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**From:** VEERA ADARI <user@votervoice.net>  
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**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Commissioners

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I saw that you are looking to raise the tolls and I wanted to express my strong opinion against it. I am a commuter and as you know your toll hike will likely come out of my pocket in some fashion. I choose to take a bus from New York City out of concern for the environment and to reduce congestion on the road. I also find it is easier for me to get around the city without using a car. I also find public transportation to be more cost effective for me and my family. Clearly, my motives are genuine and what we all feel is the right way to commute. So my question to you is, "why are commuters being punished for doing the right thing?"

I say "NO" to the toll hikes and you trying to get more money off the backs of commuters who use mass transit.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Toll Committee

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I have learned that the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey has proposed a toll increase that will apply to buses entering NYC from New Jersey. As a commuter and someone that uses public transportation, I strongly oppose such an increase.

An effective public transportation system is beneficial, both environmentally and economically. The use of buses leads to fewer cars on the road which in turn, leads to a reduction in traffic congestion and reduced air pollution. Increasing the tolls on buses will continue to drive up the costs for us and, in many cases, disincentive their use. Fewer bus riders means more vehicular congestion, and longer commute times and a reduced environmental benefit.

The Port Authority should focus on encouraging the use of our public transportation systems, such as buses, rather than increasing their cost and driving people away. Please reconsider your proposal to increase tolls for buses.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Port Authority of NY and NJ

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I oppose your proposal to raise toll rates on buses entering New York City. I commute daily into NYC and it already costs me an "arm and leg" just to get to and from work. Why are you adding to it? Buses should be discounted or better yet, free, since they take cars off the road. Please reconsider your proposal and, if you must raise tolls, raise the tolls on individual cars rather than sensible mass transit options such as buses.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Abhijeet Jagavkar <user@votervoice.net>  
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**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Port Authority

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am writing to express my strong opinion against the proposed toll hike you are putting on commuters. We have long, strenuous daily commutes and incur a significant cost traveling to and from New York City (NYC). Some of these costs include bus or train fare (or both), tolls already in place, subway or bus fare in NYC, and now I hear that you want to raise the tolls again. Whenever, I hear policymakers talking about commuting, we are encouraged to take mass transit, but you are adding on costs to the people heading your requests by raising tolls. Also, hearing the debate about congestion pricing concerns me.

I would hope that when making your final decision on this toll hike you consider giving commuters who use mass transit, as you and others have encouraged us to do, a break.

Sincerely,

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**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Toll Committee

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I have learned that the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey has proposed a toll increase that will apply to buses entering NYC from New Jersey. As a commuter and someone that uses public transportation, I strongly oppose such an increase.

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The Port Authority should focus on encouraging the use of our public transportation systems, such as buses, rather than increasing their cost and driving people away. Please reconsider your proposal to increase tolls for buses.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Salil Gupta <salil.gupta@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Port Authority of NY and NJ

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

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Sincerely,

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**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** To Whom It may Concern

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am totally against the toll increases. This area is surrounded by toll roads and I am tired of it. I take the bus to keep my work commuting costs down and this idea does not help. On top of that, policymakers are also reviewing proposals surrounding congestion pricing fees. Depending on the toll increase, I may find it more economical to just work from home or only commute into New York City a few days a week.  
I am against all toll increases!

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Chairman and Committee

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am a commuter and I am tired of having to pay to do the right thing. Taking the bus to NYC daily can be stressful and time consuming as well as costly (bus tickets, MTA bus/subway tickets once in New York City and parking fees, etc.) for me and many of my fellow commuters. This additional toll hike will most likely increase those costs on me and other riders. This will undoubtedly affect my family budget for the month. The thought of a toll hike and then a congestion pricing fee that I hear in the news makes me wonder when the fees will stop. I currently use public transportation, specifically the bus, to avoid taking my car into NYC. I now must ask, "at what cost?" I would ask that you and your committee avoid placing further financial burden on commuters by not increasing the tolls on buses.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Toll Committee

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I have learned that the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey has proposed a toll increase that will apply to buses entering NYC from New Jersey. As a commuter and someone that uses public transportation, I strongly oppose such an increase.

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The Port Authority should focus on encouraging the use of our public transportation systems, such as buses, rather than increasing their cost and driving people away. Please reconsider your proposal to increase tolls for buses.

Sincerely,

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Dear Assemblyman Benson,

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Sincerely,

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All other comments

Regarding the proposed toll changes: There should not be a commuter program for the Staten Island Bridges. It is not the Port Authority's role to incent driving more frequently or favor commuters versus other travelers. Making the requirement 10 trips is completely wrongheaded. This program should apply to every trip or it should apply to none. PATH does not have such a program, and the obscure AirTrain multi-trip program both does not have the negative externalities of encouraging driving, and requires paying a fee in advance. A driver who takes 2 trips now over the Goethals Bridge may as well make a third. This is a dumb policy from an environmental and financial standpoint.

Regarding the capital program proposals:

Besides the pathetically unambitious initiative to expand the Newark-WTC PATH to 9 cars- which you pledged to do years ago anyway, you failed to take much cheaper steps, like keeping all entrances to stations open at all times, ordering open gangway, modern, and lighter cars. Your track record is not encouraging. In 2017 you ordered more PA-5 subway cars at twice the price per car as the original order in 2011. Also, 9 car trainsets ensure incompatibility and because trains cannot be separated in even-sized units, they are that much less interchangeable. 9 car trains are also incompatible with the short trains on the 33rd Street line you must run because of your failure to use Sandy recovery money to extend those stations while you were working on them anyway. Expand to 10 cars or don't bother, order better trains, reduce your vastly excessive staffing, increase service to an "as fast as possible" schedule, and keep fares the same.

You propose spending \$2B on a Newark AirTrain on already existing right of way, which runs barely over a mile. This is surely the highest cost per mile for any train in world history. Nothing else is comparable. Whoever signed off on this should resign from the industry.

The famously terrible proposed La Guardia AirTrain, the train that runs backwards, would not help almost anyone from New York City use transit to the airport, and doesn't even help most suburbanites (except those on the Port Washington LIRR line, but even then that train runs so infrequently that it's also pretty useless for them). Now it has the incredible feature of managing to cost even more money than before, also \$2B+ and growing. As bad as the Newark AirTrain proposal is, I have never seen any argument for this train being built at any price. It's a complete waste of money and everyone knows it.

That leaves JFK and Newark terminal redevelopments driving the other major costs- I do not have opinions about what your actual plan is but I will generally note that good facilities do not fix profoundly bad management. Bad management would include, say, not running existing AirTrains at high frequency all day, having no information on how to get to public transit except via the infrequent AirTrains, ghettoizing buses in a deliberately inaccessible area near Terminal 5 in JFK, or in a dangerous-to-reach second set of lanes in Newark, and ensuring that motorists are constantly blocking the rights of way in all the airports while your cops making six figures halfheartedly shoo them out periodically, returning them to the endless gyres of traffic, or perhaps to idling on the shoulder of the airport roads, obstructing traffic generally.

That leaves \$50M for electric vehicle charging infrastructure, which is probably fine, except it reveals the total bankruptcy of spending \$2B on the AirTrains when it just replicates what an electric bus-

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June 27, 2019

Mr. Kevin O'Toole, Chairman  
Port Authority of NY & NJ  
4 World Trade Center  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mr. Chairman,

We received notice that you are accepting comment on the capital plan reassessment for the Port Authority of NY & NJ and I would like to take the opportunity to express our full support.

The Meadowlands Chamber, historically an ardent supporter of regional infrastructure investment, is delighted to see the capital investment plan of the PANYNJ. We fully understand the extreme cost of investing in these large-scale projects (airports, bridges, tunnels, bus, rail and road systems) but the simple fact is, the success our regional economy and the quality of life for our residents and visitors, is directly attributable to making these investments.

If the NY/NJ Metropolitan region is to remain a strong economic engine, our policy makers must recognize that long term planning and consistent significant investments in critical infrastructure, is how we protect our future.

Thank you for your leadership and forethought.

Respectfully,

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Jim Kirkos, CEO

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# Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

## Monthly Hearing

FWD: Elizabeth, NJ Taxicab Association

RE: 79 West Jersey Avenue Elizabeth, NJ Zip code: 07202, Timing: 7:00 P.M start

Attending Members:

Mr. Yosry Mohammad (Association President)

Mr. Amr Shebita (Association Vice-president)

Mr. Hany Hassan (Association Treasurer)

Ms. Graciela Carabajal (Taxicab owner/ driver)

Mr. Mootaz Ahmed (Taxicab owner/driver)

Mr. Ziad M. Ahmed (Speaker)

In addition to attendees from the Elizabeth/Newark city halls and taxicab drivers.

Good evening all,

I hope this evening finds you well. It is with pleasure to stand amongst the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey representative board and along my fellow taxicab drivers/owners. To first introduce myself, I am Ziad M. Ahmed, second generation taxicab owner and part time taxi driver at Newark Liberty International Airport's Terminal A. With all gratification I was assigned by the Elizabeth, NJ taxicab association to publicly speak on behalf of my coworkers and the people at stake of any element of the industry. Furthermore, as you all may know, it is almost public knowledge now that the once sought after occupation of driving a taxicab for a living or owning a medallion for exclusive rights of pickup, has now become a pessimistic thought rather than a grand opportunity. Over the past six years ever since the introduction of the transportation network companies such as Uber, Lyft, and all potential prospects; taxi drivers have then seen a plummeting downgrade in their incomes and a major limitation in the amount of passengers received from all metropolitan/tri-state areas, eventually causing what we recently read in the New York Times of bankruptcies, poverty, and six suicides from members of the

industry to say the least. On another note apart from that, recently taxi driver have learned from the proposed agenda of The PANYNJ that here shall be imposed an additional charge for each for hire fare originating from EWR. Therefore, we stand here today to propose our queries as members held at risk of this potential implementation. Now that we learned from the airport manager during the meeting held yesterday morning on July 17<sup>th</sup> that the passenger will be responsible for paying the associated fee which was subjected to be roughly a \$4 flat rate charge, we would like to kindly ask:

- 1) How would the customer possibly cater to paying such a fee with the fact that they are already being slammed with an increase of tolls in all tunnels/ bridges, luggage fees, credit card transaction fees, rush hour increase fees, in addition to competition in fare prices from TNC's. Basically as the customer approaches the taxicab counter at any of EWR's three terminals they are informed that an average ride to East side Manhattan costs \$55, unwillingly it is later drawn to the customer's knowledge that there is a \$20 fee for both tunnel and highway tolls; therefore, causing the average basic ride to accumulate up to almost \$75, let alone if the \$4 fee is later on implemented, then the customer would potentially be at risk of paying \$79 just to get to the city, with the fact being that the illegal solicitors and the TNC companies offering to take them for 50% of that charge. So with adding \$4 that would push the customer even further from the taxi line.
- 2) The second question is why would such a high fee of \$4 be imposed upon the taxi industry specifically? For example, at EWR there are similar services such as shuttle buses that have designated locations to pickup 18 customers per haul, not one fare as we're restricted to, and they are only charged a yearly fee of \$400 per vehicle from the PANYNJ with the fact being that they make at least 4 rounds a day. The same applies for jitney buses picking up at the 42<sup>nd</sup> street bus terminal and for contracted transportation services at all three airports of JFK, LGA, and EWR.
- 3) The third question is: how would this fee be collected. For example now due to the fact that there is a limited number of hack licensed drivers by the Elizabeth, NJ licensing bureau as many former cabbies are now drawing away from the business, we are forced to give one another a hand in covering each other's shifts; therefore, how would it be known who was driving what shift and what day at the time of charge in order for the owner to charge the driver respectfully. On another note, from both the driver and the owner's perspective, how would this transaction be taxed is it an expense or a profit? Additionally, at the current running system within the airport as taxi drivers we enter a stack area through which we are scanned by vehicle and dispatched out to the terminal where we are scanned again as we exit in order to reach the taxi stand and pickup a passenger. As informed by the airport manager from The PANYNJ during yesterday's

meeting, each printed receipt with the taxicab information shall serve as proof for a ride completion rather than the scanner itself, yet for many reasons such as a customer receiving a receipt from a uniformed dispatcher and walking away with it in order to fraudulently report it as expense to their company, or a passenger receiving the receipt and deciding to actually not take a cab due to the preference of another vehicle or price; drivers on several occasions end up leaving the terminal empty post getting scanned or receiving a different ride for the reasons mentioned, so in case of the charge, how would there be a charge imposed for a fare that wasn't even originated simply because the taxicab number was identified on a printed receipt for a potential passenger. Additionally, at the airport we currently have two types of rides, a long haul and a short haul, short hauls are for any town that borders Newark, NJ and Newark, NJ itself averaging \$13 to \$22 per short haul, so in case of a short haul how would a customer that is very limited on fees of transportation be convinced to pay four additional dollars for the ride. Therefore, if a compromised charge is later on implemented, it must be under a certain price bar for a ride.

- 4) The fourth point is that, we completely understand that the fee applies to all livery services including TNC's. However, as of 2019 TNC's have become publicly trading organizations such as the Uber Technologies Inc. reaching a value of \$82.4 billion while taxi drivers are independent contractors who pay for licensing, commercial insurance, medallion rental fees, maintenance and much more causing drivers to work unordinary shifts of extenuating hours and so causing the comparison with a technology company that owns no assets and has no expense except for a technology platform to be completely unjust. Additionally, as the PANYNJ Ground Transportation Rules and Regulations that have been in place since 2009 state in sections F and G “

## F. SCHEDULED SERVICE

No provision in this chapter is intended to prohibit vehicles making stops pursuant to a fixed schedule and operating pursuant to permission granted by a government regulatory agency with appropriate jurisdiction, from stopping to receive passengers at locations specifically designated for that purpose, whether or not pre-arrangement has been made to provide ground transportation services to passengers of such vehicles.

## G. COURTESY VEHICLES

No provision in this chapter is intended to prohibit the operator of a vehicle from providing ground transportation services only to the place of business of a provider of another service, such as lodging, vehicle rental, or vehicle parking, to patrons of such other service, whether or not pre-arrangement has been made to provide ground transportation services to such place of business, subject to such conditions as the Airport Manager may impose on such operator and/or provider of such service.

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Basically meaning that we are given exclusive rights to service the terminal passengers with no fees applied. Moreover, also the Elizabeth, NJ city taxicab ordinance has a code that verifies that taxi permits #s 101 to 197 are granted exclusive rights by the city and its designee at the airport, which today is the PANYNJ management team and The ABM Dispatching Service to pickup for hire at Terminal A which is on Elizabeth ground with no associated fees except for licensing and with no further obstacles ever since the first opening of the terminal back in the year 1973; therefore, we stand today to ask, after the business has been cut to 30% of what it originally was one day, why are we now held obligatory to fulfill charges after almost five decades of a commitment?

I hereby have presented all points and queries directed by the Elizabeth Taxicab Association members, drivers, and owners from our industry to your board, hereby resting my case and respectfully thanking you for your time and consideration of this hearing assuring that we don't ask for sympathy yet we truly ask for a fair explanation. Thank you once again and have a great evening.

Rest Assured 07/18/2019.

Written by: Ziad M. Ahmed



**Testimony of  
Staten Island Chamber of Commerce President & CEO – Linda Baran  
Proposed Port Authority Toll & Fare Increase Hearing  
July 22, 2019, 7p.m.**

Good evening, my name is Linda Baran, President & CEO of the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Chamber, our 700 members, and the 20,000 employees they represent, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Port Authority's proposed changes to the Capital Plan and adjustments to its toll structure.

Let me start by acknowledging the Port Authority for their commitment to the completion and opening of the Goethals Bridge and Bayonne Bridge. Both bridges served Staten Island well for decades but given present-day traffic volume, commercial growth, and new standards, they were functionally obsolete. The Port Authority recognized the aging infrastructure and found a creative financing solution – through the public-private partnership model - to update and replace these major travel arteries. Thank you for that.

I am here today to express the Chamber's concern around the funding needed to support the reassessed Capital Plan and the impact it will have on the tolls at our 3 local Port Authority bridges.

Bridge tolls already negatively impact local businesses, and these proposed increases will only exacerbate the problem. In a very real sense, the Staten Island business community is becoming isolated from the rest of New York City by the high MTA tolls on the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge and on the cusp of being cut off from New Jersey and the rest of the country by the Port Authority, our businesses simply cannot compete outside of the borough.

*During peak hours smaller commercial vehicles will be required to pay up to \$38 roundtrip while larger vehicles could be paying in excess of \$114.* Catering, construction, and similar companies that want to offer their services off-island must build into their price the cost of these exorbitant tolls, which prices them out of the market. Staten Island businesses are left at competitive disadvantage.

High tolls harm our local economy – they discourage businesses from operating here, and they discourage off-island residents from seeking employment here, shopping at local establishments, or taking advantage of the many amenities Staten Island has to offer.

To add insult to injury, Staten Island has limited public transit alternatives. We cannot get to work or access major transit hubs without a car. Our residents have no other choice but to drive. The MTA's S89 is the only bus that goes to New Jersey. We pay some of the highest tolls in the country, but all too often, receive no return on our investment.

And...while we have 2 updated bridges, we don't have the alternative transit options to get us across those bridges to get to places like Newark Airport, Metro Park, the Hudson Bergen Light Rail or the PATH. The existing Staten Island Bridge plan must be retained at 3 crossings per month. And while the \$4 imposition of an airport ground transportation access fee sounds minimal, it doesn't sit well with Staten Islanders because there are no alternative transit provisions to get us to any of the 3 major area airports!

Additionally, there does not seem to be a dialogue amongst the agencies to improve regional access. I was at an MTA meeting last month where I was told that the agency was not talking to the Port Authority about bringing the proposed North Shore Bus Rapid Transit across the Goethals or Bayonne bridges. No discussion took place about connecting us to regional transportation hubs in New Jersey. I was told "I" would need to speak to the Port Authority about that.

How many times have I heard "Why hasn't the Port Authority done something about improving the Staten Island bound on-ramp connection to the Goethals Bridge?" Many Islanders have no idea that those ramps are New Jersey DOT ramps. Who is ultimately the responsible party to make sure these things happen? Fingers are pointed at the agencies, elected officials, the governor – all I can say is "Where there is a will, there is a way!" Let's not kick the can down the road again and again.

The Staten Island Chamber of Commerce recognizes that the Port Authority does not receive tax revenue, making its toll and fare structure the primary way to pay for infrastructure projects. We understand the importance of assessing and moving forward with the 2017-2026 capital plan, however, new and additional revenues for this 10-year plan should not be raised on the backs of the community paying some of the highest tolls in the nation!

The Port Authority must not impose toll increases that our community simply cannot sustain. All we ask is that we be treated fairly and are provided with affordable and reliable access to the region. As a community, we are truly at a disadvantage. Give us the consideration we deserve!



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**Statement**

**To:** Members of the Port Authority Board of Commissioners

**From:** City Council Minority Leader Steven Matteo

**Re:** Proposed Changes in Tolls, Fares, and Fees

**Date:** July 22, 2019

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Thank you for the opportunity to offer my testimony regarding the proposed “changes in tolls, fares, and fees.”

I will begin by noting that the choice of words means something. Many times elected officials are accused of “spin.” In this case, the Port Authority is guilty of spin when, on its website, it describes the reason for this public hearing as one considering “Proposed Changes in Tolls, Fares, and Fees.” The curious use of the term “changes” instead of “increases” is meant to try to hide what is really happening. The fact is there are never mere “changes,” and there are always “increases,” no matter what PR people at the Port Authority write. Words do matter, and the use of the term “changes” is frankly, dishonest and disingenuous. Let’s call this what it really is – a toll, fare, and fee hike, just like the last one was and the next one will be.

For many years, Staten Island has been known ignominiously as the place of the laughably high Verrazzano Bridge toll. Visitors to our borough are always shocked at the high price, which is now \$19. Well, the fact is the Port Authority is now catching up to this dubious MTA honor, and the peak cash price on Port Authority crossings will soon be \$16 if these hikes take effect. The Goethals, Outerbridge, and Bayonne are now also known as bridges with obnoxious tolls, just as the Verrazzano is known worldwide for this. Congratulations! A minimum wage employee in New York City working for a large company will have to work slightly more than an hour to afford this cash toll, while a New Jersey minimum wage employee will have to work more than an hour and a half.

I am going to spend the bulk of my remaining testimony talking about more words and how changing some words can negatively affect the lives of so many. One of the most concerning parts of this proposal is the dramatic increase in the number of trips required to trigger the Staten Island Bridges Plan discount from 3 trips to 10 trips in a calendar month. As I indicated earlier, words matter. In this case, this plan has long been known as the “Staten Island Bridges Plan,” and not the “Staten Island Bridges Commuter Plan.” Those are very different.

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A quick glance at the description of this plan on the Port Authority's own website says nothing about the purpose of this plan being a commuter plan. In fact, it says the opposite. Consider this on your own website: *"All E-ZPass tags on the account count towards the three trip minimum requirement, so multiple-driver households have an easy way to save."* If it was meant for commuters only, then you would not highlight this fact.

This this plan was never meant to be one exclusively for commuters. Now, let's consider the documents that are part of this proposal and how words are being changed to change the purpose of the plan. The handout states: *"Modify the NY/NJ Staten Island Bridges Commuter Program to target commuters by increasing the qualifying trips to 10 per month."* Huh? Now it's the "NY/NJ Staten Island Bridges Commuter Program?" When did that happen? This, again, is spin trying to make it look to those not in the know that this program was always an exclusively commuter program.

Changing the name and purpose of the program is a major policy change, which is aimed at what is perceived to be the low-hanging fruit of Staten Island residents with family in New Jersey and New Jersey residents with family in Staten Island.

By raising the required number of trips necessary to trigger the Staten Island Bridges discount from 3 trips in a month to 10, this plan essentially eliminates this discount for many of those who utilize the Goethals, Outerbridge, or Bayonne Bridges. This will negatively affect Staten Island residents who visit family, shop, or take part in recreational activities in New Jersey, and it also negatively affects New Jersey residents who do the same in Staten Island.

Imagine what it must be like for an elderly resident on a fixed income who must make the sad decision not to visit his or her grandchildren on Staten Island or in New Jersey as often as they once did because the Port Authority decided to neuter the Staten Island Bridges Plan by turning it into a commuter only plan on a whim and because they are unaccountable and can.

The fact is Staten Island is intimately connected to New Jersey, and this recognition is what led to the creation of the Staten Island Bridges Plan in the first place. We have no ferries or trains connecting us. We need to drive over one of those three bridges. The Staten Island Bridges Plan, as it currently exists, has helped families stay connected by making family visits more affordable. By increasing the number of trips to receive the discount to ten we will force families to make the difficult decision to not visit with each other and stay connected. That is sad and will lead to the continuing flight of residents out of Staten Island.

I urge the Board of Commissioners to reject this toll, fare, and fee hike in total, and in particular I ask the Board to reject this scheme to eviscerate the Staten Island Bridges Plan in its entirety. It is not right, it is not fair, and it will hurt residents of Staten Island and New Jersey who rely on the discounted toll to visit family and friends.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my thoughts on this matter.



July 24, 2019

Mr. Rick Cotton  
Executive Director  
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey  
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New York, NY 10007

**Re: Proposed Toll Hike**

Dear Mr. Cotton:

I am the Executive Director of the Greater New Jersey Motorcoach Association. We have information regarding about the proposed toll hike. We request to be excluded from this hike which we deem as counterproductive to your goals and economically harmful to our members. Our members provide valuable service to consumers and are an integral part of achieving your goals, as buses move people in and out of NYC with efficiency as a provider of "mass transit".

The toll for buses was almost half of that for a car from 2001 to 2007. With the increase in 2011, it went up to almost 100%, which is roughly equal to cars. Based on peak hours, based on a 2.5% inflation rate, by 2026, the toll for a bus is estimated to be at 135% of that for a passenger car. This type of increase is counterproductive and actually penalizes the use of mass transit, where use of it should be rewarded. Further, imposing a penalty for buses at peak periods doesn't make sense. Buses move people in and out at peak times, commuters and others that bring revenues to the city of New York. It is peak times when consumers need bussing the most.

In general, our private bus operators, many of which who provide public transportation, already bear the brunt of these increases in cost, along with NJ residents and taxpayers. Ever-increasing costs result in higher fares, and in some cases potentially a loss of service if a route becomes uneconomical to operate. We are not part of the problem, we are the solution. We need to be treated as advocates and not continue to take on the never-ending increases.

We need to be excluded from these toll hikes and respectfully request a discussion to further our reasoning.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patricia A. Cowley, *Executive Director*  
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August 5, 2019

Mr. Rick Cotton  
Executive Director  
The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey  
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New York, NY 10007

Dear Director Cotton,

Representing Rockland and Westchester counties, I know that residents are struggling to get by. Simply put, our area cannot afford toll hikes and fare increases. Implementing these proposals will hurt both E-Z Pass and toll by mail users. Toll rates are already exorbitant. An increase will add more financial hardship to an area that is already one of the highest taxed locations in the country.

Many of our residents work in New Jersey and New York City, so increasing the cost for them just to get to work is unacceptable. Depending on where they work, minimum wage earners will be paying more, or slightly less, than they earn in one hour just to cross a toll. Raising tolls will make economic growth for these residents and their families impossible. This may play into the unfortunate trend of residents choosing to leave our great state.

Another issue is the doing away with the discount carpool lanes. Carpool lanes are a way for residents to save money while keeping cars off the road. This not only allows for less congestion, but also for fewer vehicle emissions. In an era where we must do all we can to combat climate change, promoting carpooling is essential. Saving residents money, alleviating congestion and promoting green behavior demonstrate that discount carpool lanes must stay.

Decreasing the multi-trip discount and the senior citizen discount for the PATH system is yet another fee increase that residents cannot afford. Our seniors have spent their lives contributing to the economy, allowing our area to flourish. Increasing their fares is undeserved and will hurt their wallets. Finally, increasing the fee for the Air Train and implementing a ground transportation fee at airports will further hurt residents.



Simply put, these proposals are bad for our wallets and the environment. Increasing tolls and fares will be yet another detriment on residents. Eliminating the discount carpool lane will lead to increased congestion and vehicle emissions. It is imperative that residents are protected, both financially and environmentally. Thank you for your attention to this serious matter. Should you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to call me at (845) 623-3627.

Sincerely,

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Senator David Carlucci  
38<sup>th</sup> Senate District



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September 3, 2019

Mr. Kevin O'Toole, Chairman  
Mr. Rick Cotton, Executive Director  
Commissioners, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey  
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I respectfully submit the comments below on behalf of the Bus Association of New Jersey.

The Bus Association of New Jersey calls on the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to reject a toll increase on motor buses and instead to pursue a toll structure that supports greater use of mass transit, reduces carbon emissions and in general takes a twenty-first century approach to climate and transportation policy. Rather than increase tolls on buses at an unprecedented rate, the PANYNJ should instead *reduce* bus tolls to encourage commuters and visitors to New York City to leave their cars at home.

Private bus operations account for approximately 25% of the scheduled bus transportation in our state. We are private providers of public transportation. Unfortunately, it's our passengers – New Jersey residents and taxpayers – who bear the brunt of measures that increase the already steep cost of operating a bus. Ever-increasing costs result in higher fares, and in some cases potentially a loss of service if a route becomes uneconomical to operate.

The proposed toll increase will raise tolls on buses to \$14 in 2020 and then to \$21 by 2026. That startling increase is in sharp contrast with past practice. We have examined the toll structure from 2001 to 2026 as projected under the proposed toll increase. A comparison of Class 1 vehicles (cars) traveling at peak hours and using EZ Pass with Class 8 vehicles (buses) also traveling at peak and also using EZ Pass yields the following conclusions:



- In 2001 and 2007, the toll for buses was **about half** of that for a car (54% and 50%). With the increase in 2011, it went up to about 100%, that is, roughly equal to cars. And if one assumes a 2.5% inflation index for auto tolls going forward, and compares that to the proposed larger toll increases for buses, by 2026 the toll for a bus is estimated to be **135%** of that for a passenger car.
- Again, if one assumes a 2.5% inflation index for cars going forward, then the 2026 toll for cars is estimated to be about **311%** of the 2001 toll for cars – the 2026 toll will be about **three** times that of 2001. But the 2026 toll for buses will be **778%** of, or almost **eight** times, that of 2001. That moves our region in precisely in the *wrong* direction, disincentivizing the use of mass transit rather than rewarding it.

Particularly perplexing is the fact that tolls on buses will be higher at peak periods than during off-peak periods. While that differential makes sense for private passenger automobiles and trucks, it's simply defies logic to attach a disincentive for a bus to operate at peak periods. At no time in the past was a penalty proposed for buses at peak periods. It's at peak times when we need buses most.

For the reasons stated above, the Port Authority should adopt a forward-thinking policy of reducing, rather than increasing, tolls on buses. Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely yours,

*Carol R. Katz*

Carol R. Katz



**Michael J. Cusick**  
Assemblymember  
63rd District  
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## New York State Assembly

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September 6, 2019

Rick Cotton  
Executive Director  
The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey  
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New York NY 10007

To Mr. Cotton,

Thank you for conducting an additional public hearing on the toll hike plan to allow Staten Islanders to be heard. After last night's hearing, it has been made clear that any increase will be a hardship to Staten Islanders. We write to encourage the Bridge and Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to reject the proposed toll increases for bridges leading to and from Staten Island. Further, it is imperative to hold the current Staten Island Bridges Plan at the same rate for drivers who make at least three Island-bound trips each month as the proposal to increase the per-month-trip requirement to 10 would have a significant negative impact on residents who must commute for work or familial obligations.

Our constituents are rightly concerned about the proposal and we have heard from hundreds of hard working folks who have come to rely upon to Bridges Plan first established by Governor Andrew Cuomo in 2012 with the support of representatives from Staten Island.

As Island residents, our constituents are squeezed between tolls over the Narrows and over the Arthur Kill when they wish to leave for work, family, or entertainment. Since 2012, we've seen four toll increases which have made life more expensive for Staten Islanders who are funding billions in Port Authority projects. Under the proposed regimen, Islanders who cross nine times would see an astonishing 120 percent toll increase over what they pay today.

We believe it is common sense to preserve the Bridges Plan as is, recognizing, as did Governor Cuomo, former New Jersey Governor Christie, and the Port Authority, the financial hardship for Staten Island residents.

We look forward to continuing this discussion,

Sincerely,



Michael J. Cusick  
Member of Assembly



Max Rose  
U.S. Congressman, NY-11



Diane Savino  
New York State Senator



Andrew Lanza  
New York State Senator



James Oddo  
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COMMITTEES  
CHAIR,  
TRANSPORTATION AND INDEPENDENT AUTHORITIES  
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BUDGET

August 30, 2019

Board of Commissioners  
Port Authority of NY & NJ  
Public Hearing Comments  
4 World Trade Center  
150 Greenwich Street, 23rd Floor  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Commissioners:

I am forwarding correspondence from residents in my district who have contacted me regarding the proposed toll increases to the agency's bridges and tunnels. Specifically, they are daily bus commuters to New York City from New Jersey who believe buses are sensible mass transit options that should not be the subject of toll hikes.

As your agency has the authority over this matter, I ask that you please note these residents' concerns and opposition to the proposed inflation-based toll increases.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Benson".

Daniel R. Benson  
Assemblyman, 14th District

**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Gloria Tovar <glrtovar@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 1:32 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Toll Committee

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I have learned that the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey has proposed a toll increase that will apply to buses entering NYC from New Jersey. As a commuter and someone that uses public transportation, I strongly oppose such an increase.

An effective public transportation system is beneficial, both environmentally and economically. The use of buses leads to fewer cars on the road which in turn, leads to a reduction in traffic congestion and reduced air pollution. Increasing the tolls on buses will continue to drive up the costs for us and, in many cases, disincentive their use. Fewer bus riders means more vehicular congestion, and longer commute times and a reduced environmental benefit.

The Port Authority should focus on encouraging the use of our public transportation systems, such as buses, rather than increasing their cost and driving people away. Please reconsider your proposal to increase tolls for buses.

Sincerely,

Gloria Tovar  
28 Robertson Rd  
East Windsor, NJ 08520  
[glrtovar@gmail.com](mailto:glrtovar@gmail.com)

**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Joseph Fiordaliso <josephfiordaliso24@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 30, 2019 10:27 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** To Whom It may Concern

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am totally against the toll increases. This area is surrounded by toll roads and I am tired of it. I take the bus to keep my work commuting costs down and this idea does not help. On top of that, policymakers are also reviewing proposals surrounding congestion pricing fees. Depending on the toll increase, I may find it more economical to just work from home or only commute into New York City a few days a week.  
I am against all toll increases!

Sincerely,

Joseph Fiordaliso  
1018 Antoinette Dr  
Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
[josephfiordaliso24@gmail.com](mailto:josephfiordaliso24@gmail.com)

## Benson, Asm. D.O.

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**From:** Srinivas Doreswamy <dsrinivas@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 6:06 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Chairman and Committee

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am a commuter and I am tired of having to pay to do the right thing. Taking the bus to NYC daily can be stressful and time consuming as well as costly (bus tickets, MTA bus/subway tickets once in New York City and parking fees, etc.) for me and many of my fellow commuters. This additional toll hike will most likely increase those costs on me and other riders. This will undoubtedly affect my family budget for the month. The thought of a toll hike and then a congestion pricing fee that I hear in the news makes me wonder when the fees will stop. I currently use public transportation, specifically the bus, to avoid taking my car into NYC. I now must ask, "at what cost?" I would ask that you and your committee avoid placing further financial burden on commuters by not increasing the tolls on buses.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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East Windsor, NJ 08520  
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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** CARMEN D. SANTIAGO <[sailorgirl1978@gmail.com](mailto:sailorgirl1978@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 3:23 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Concerned Bus Rider

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am wholeheartedly against your toll hikes that your agency is looking to impose on bus riders. Commuting costs continue to rise and sooner or later it will be more cost effective just to work from home. I take the bus for my commute, which as you know is encouraged since it is a form of mass transit. Why should I pay more? Increases should be paid by people who take cars, since they are not taking mass transit.

Sincerely,

CARMEN D. SANTIAGO  
744B Pompton Rd  
Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Patricia Boddie <patboddie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 7:15 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Concerned Bus Rider

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am wholeheartedly against your toll hikes that your agency is looking to impose on bus riders. Commuting costs continue to rise and sooner or later it will be more cost effective just to work from home. I take the bus for my commute, which as you know is encouraged since it is a form of mass transit. Why should I pay more? Increases should be paid by people who take cars, since they are not taking mass transit.

Sincerely,

Patricia Boddie  
17 Hemlock Dr  
Jamesburg, NJ 08831  
[patboddie@gmail.com](mailto:patboddie@gmail.com)

**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** David Silver <dfsilver@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 7:58 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** To Whom It may Concern

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am totally against the toll increases. This area is surrounded by toll roads and I am tired of it. I take the bus to keep my work commuting costs down and this idea does not help. On top of that, policymakers are also reviewing proposals surrounding congestion pricing fees. Depending on the toll increase, I may find it more economical to just work from home or only commute into New York City a few days a week.  
I am against all toll increases!

Sincerely,

David Silver  
70 Bergen Mills Rd  
Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
[dfsilver@hotmail.com](mailto:dfsilver@hotmail.com)

**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Badri Doraiswamy <badrinana@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 6:17 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Port Authority

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am writing to express my strong opinion against the proposed toll hike you are putting on commuters. We have long, strenuous daily commutes and incur a significant cost traveling to and from New York City (NYC). Some of these costs include bus or train fare (or both), tolls already in place, subway or bus fare in NYC, and now I hear that you want to raise the tolls again. Whenever, I hear policymakers talking about commuting, we are encouraged to take mass transit, but you are adding on costs to the people heading your requests by raising tolls. Also, hearing the debate about congestion pricing concerns me.

I would hope that when making your final decision on this toll hike you consider giving commuters who use mass transit, as you and others have encouraged us to do, a break.

Sincerely,

Badri Doraiswamy  
11 Ashford Dr  
Plainsboro, NJ 08536  
[badrinana@gmail.com](mailto:badrinana@gmail.com)

**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Nicholas Feretic <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 5:34 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** To Whom It may Concern

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am totally against the toll increases. This area is surrounded by toll roads and I am tired of it. I take the bus to keep my work commuting costs down and this idea does not help. On top of that, policymakers are also reviewing proposals surrounding congestion pricing fees. Depending on the toll increase, I may find it more economical to just work from home or only commute into New York City a few days a week.  
I am against all toll increases!

Sincerely,

Nicholas Feretic  
1 Carriage Ct  
Hightstown, NJ 08520  
[Nferetic@yahoo.com](mailto:Nferetic@yahoo.com)

**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Naveen Batra <nbatra04@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 6:02 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Cotton

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

According to media reports, your agency is in the middle of a review of toll. After reviewing your proposal, I noticed that cars are being treated differently with the percentage increase than buses. I take the bus, which to me, is common sense since buses can transport more people. Cars create more congestion and as such, the toll hikes should apply to cars instead of mass transportation.

Sincerely,

Naveen Batra  
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Plainsboro, NJ 08536  
[nbatra04@icloud.com](mailto:nbatra04@icloud.com)

**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Prasanth Prabhakaran <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 5:11 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Port Authority of NY and NJ

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I oppose your proposal to raise toll rates on buses entering New York City. I commute daily into NYC and it already costs me an "arm and leg" just to get to and from work. Why are you adding to it? Buses should be discounted or better yet, free, since they take cars off the road. Please reconsider your proposal and, if you must raise tolls, raise the tolls on individual cars rather than sensible mass transit options such as buses.

Sincerely,

Prasanth Prabhakaran  
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Plainsboro, NJ 08536  
[bulletnair@aol.com](mailto:bulletnair@aol.com)

**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Saravanan Somasundaram <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 5:17 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Cotton

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

According to media reports, your agency is in the middle of a review of toll. After reviewing your proposal, I noticed that cars are being treated differently with the percentage increase than buses. I take the bus, which to me, is common sense since buses can transport more people. Cars create more congestion and as such, the toll hikes should apply to cars instead of mass transportation.

Sincerely,

Saravanan Somasundaram  
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Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
[ssomasaran@yahoo.com](mailto:ssomasaran@yahoo.com)

**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Dayana Leon <dleon4493@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 3:11 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Port Authority

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am writing to express my strong opinion against the proposed toll hike you are putting on commuters. We have long, strenuous daily commutes and incur a significant cost traveling to and from New York City (NYC). Some of these costs include bus or train fare (or both), tolls already in place, subway or bus fare in NYC, and now I hear that you want to raise the tolls again. Whenever, I hear policymakers talking about commuting, we are encouraged to take mass transit, but you are adding on costs to the people heading your requests by raising tolls. Also, hearing the debate about congestion pricing concerns me.

I would hope that when making your final decision on this toll hike you consider giving commuters who use mass transit, as you and others have encouraged us to do, a break.

Sincerely,

Dayana Leon  
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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Susan Milne <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 2:26 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Toll Committee

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I have learned that the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey has proposed a toll increase that will apply to buses entering NYC from New Jersey. As a commuter and someone that uses public transportation, I strongly oppose such an increase.

An effective public transportation system is beneficial, both environmentally and economically. The use of buses leads to fewer cars on the road which in turn, leads to a reduction in traffic congestion and reduced air pollution. Increasing the tolls on buses will continue to drive up the costs for us and, in many cases, disincentive their use. Fewer bus riders means more vehicular congestion, and longer commute times and a reduced environmental benefit.

The Port Authority should focus on encouraging the use of our public transportation systems, such as buses, rather than increasing their cost and driving people away. Please reconsider your proposal to increase tolls for buses.

Sincerely,

Susan Milne  
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Spotswood, NJ 08884  
[suearctic440@aol.com](mailto:suearctic440@aol.com)

**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Mr. & Mrs. Rajat Nagalia <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 11:17 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** To Whom It may Concern

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am totally against the toll increases. This area is surrounded by toll roads and I am tired of it. I take the bus to keep my work commuting costs down and this idea does not help. On top of that, policymakers are also reviewing proposals surrounding congestion pricing fees. Depending on the toll increase, I may find it more economical to just work from home or only commute into New York City a few days a week.  
I am against all toll increases!

Sincerely,

Rajat Nagalia  
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Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
[rajatnagalia@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rajatnagalia@sbcglobal.net)

**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Scott Kance <[scottkance@gmail.com](mailto:scottkance@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:52 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Cotton

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

According to media reports, your agency is in the middle of a review of toll. After reviewing your proposal, I noticed that cars are being treated differently with the percentage increase than buses. I take the bus, which to me, is common sense since buses can transport more people. Cars create more congestion and as such, the toll hikes should apply to cars instead of mass transportation.

Sincerely,

Scott Kance  
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Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
[scottkance@gmail.com](mailto:scottkance@gmail.com)

**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Laura Santangelo <user@voterveoice.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:49 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Chairman and Committee

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am a commuter and I am tired of having to pay to do the right thing. Taking the bus to NYC daily can be stressful and time consuming as well as costly (bus tickets, MTA bus/subway tickets once in New York City and parking fees, etc.) for me and many of my fellow commuters. This additional toll hike will most likely increase those costs on me and other riders. This will undoubtedly affect my family budget for the month. The thought of a toll hike and then a congestion pricing fee that I hear in the news makes me wonder when the fees will stop. I currently use public transportation, specifically the bus, to avoid taking my car into NYC. I now must ask, "at what cost?" I would ask that you and your committee avoid placing further financial burden on commuters by not increasing the tolls on buses.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Laura Santangelo  
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Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Yang Yu <yuyang.fe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:31 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Cotton

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

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Sincerely,

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Cranbury, NJ 08512  
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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** David Vincent <vdavid25@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:31 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Chairman and Committee

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am a commuter and I am tired of having to pay to do the right thing. Taking the bus to NYC daily can be stressful and time consuming as well as costly (bus tickets, MTA bus/subway tickets once in New York City and parking fees, etc.) for me and many of my fellow commuters. This additional toll hike will most likely increase those costs on me and other riders. This will undoubtedly affect my family budget for the month. The thought of a toll hike and then a congestion pricing fee that I hear in the news makes me wonder when the fees will stop. I currently use public transportation, specifically the bus, to avoid taking my car into NYC. I now must ask, "at what cost?" I would ask that you and your committee avoid placing further financial burden on commuters by not increasing the tolls on buses.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

David Vincent  
10 Spruce Meadows Dr  
Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Jim Maschmeyer <jmaschmeyer@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:26 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** To Whom It may Concern

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am totally against the toll increases. This area is surrounded by toll roads and I am tired of it. I take the bus to keep my work commuting costs down and this idea does not help. On top of that, policymakers are also reviewing proposals surrounding congestion pricing fees. Depending on the toll increase, I may find it more economical to just work from home or only commute into New York City a few days a week.  
I am against all toll increases!

Sincerely,

Jim Maschmeyer  
47 Ashford Dr  
Plainsboro, NJ 08536  
[jmaschmeyer@comcast.net](mailto:jmaschmeyer@comcast.net)

**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Margareth Borba <mborba1@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:36 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** To Whom It may Concern

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am totally against the toll increases. This area is surrounded by toll roads and I am tired of it. I take the bus to keep my work commuting costs down and this idea does not help. On top of that, policymakers are also reviewing proposals surrounding congestion pricing fees. Depending on the toll increase, I may find it more economical to just work from home or only commute into New York City a few days a week.  
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Sincerely,

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Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
[mborba1@icloud.com](mailto:mborba1@icloud.com)

**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Carol Tegen <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:25 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Cotton

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

According to media reports, your agency is in the middle of a review of toll. After reviewing your proposal, I noticed that cars are being treated differently with the percentage increase than buses. I take the bus, which to me, is common sense since buses can transport more people. Cars create more congestion and as such, the toll hikes should apply to cars instead of mass transportation.

Sincerely,

Carol Tegen  
201 S Main St  
Hightstown, NJ 08520  
[tegen@yahoo.com](mailto:tegen@yahoo.com)

**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Ashwin Pulimamidi <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:20 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Port Authority of NY and NJ

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I oppose your proposal to raise toll rates on buses entering New York City. I commute daily into NYC and it already costs me an "arm and leg" just to get to and from work. Why are you adding to it? Buses should be discounted or better yet, free, since they take cars off the road. Please reconsider your proposal and, if you must raise tolls, raise the tolls on individual cars rather than sensible mass transit options such as buses.

Sincerely,

Ashwin Pulimamidi  
5 Whitson Ln  
Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
[ashwin\\_p@yahoo.com](mailto:ashwin_p@yahoo.com)

**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Angela Mennuti <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:18 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Concerned Bus Rider

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am wholeheartedly against your toll hikes that your agency is looking to impose on bus riders. Commuting costs continue to rise and sooner or later it will be more cost effective just to work from home. I take the bus for my commute, which as you know is encouraged since it is a form of mass transit. Why should I pay more? Increases should be paid by people who take cars, since they are not taking mass transit.

Sincerely,

Angela Mennuti  
200 Szymanski Dr  
Spotswood, NJ 08884  
[angelamennuti@yahoo.com](mailto:angelamennuti@yahoo.com)

**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Sheila Gilbert <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:12 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Chairman and Committee

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am a commuter and I am tired of having to pay to do the right thing. Taking the bus to NYC daily can be stressful and time consuming as well as costly (bus tickets, MTA bus/subway tickets once in New York City and parking fees, etc.) for me and many of my fellow commuters. This additional toll hike will most likely increase those costs on me and other riders. This will undoubtedly affect my family budget for the month. The thought of a toll hike and then a congestion pricing fee that I hear in the news makes me wonder when the fees will stop. I currently use public transportation, specifically the bus, to avoid taking my car into NYC. I now must ask, "at what cost?" I would ask that you and your committee avoid placing further financial burden on commuters by not increasing the tolls on buses.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Sheila Gilbert  
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Jamesburg, NJ 08831  
[sheila923@verizon.net](mailto:sheila923@verizon.net)

**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Deanna Ferrante <[ferrantes@mac.com](mailto:ferrantes@mac.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:13 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Concerned Bus Rider

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Sincerely,

Deanna Ferrante  
86 N Main St  
Cranbury, NJ 08512  
[ferrantes@mac.com](mailto:ferrantes@mac.com)

**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Charles Hornat <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:03 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** To Whom It may Concern

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am totally against the toll increases. This area is surrounded by toll roads and I am tired of it. I take the bus to keep my work commuting costs down and this idea does not help. On top of that, policymakers are also reviewing proposals surrounding congestion pricing fees. Depending on the toll increase, I may find it more economical to just work from home or only commute into New York City a few days a week.  
I am against all toll increases!

Sincerely,

Charles Hornat  
21 Equestrian Way  
Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
[mrcorp@yahoo.com](mailto:mrcorp@yahoo.com)

**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Vadim Rozenfeld <vadim.roz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:05 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** To Whom It may Concern

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am totally against the toll increases. This area is surrounded by toll roads and I am tired of it. I take the bus to keep my work commuting costs down and this idea does not help. On top of that, policymakers are also reviewing proposals surrounding congestion pricing fees. Depending on the toll increase, I may find it more economical to just work from home or only commute into New York City a few days a week.  
I am against all toll increases!

Sincerely,

Vadim Rozenfeld  
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Spotswood, NJ 08884  
[vadim.roz@gmail.com](mailto:vadim.roz@gmail.com)

**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Ketan Patel <kjpatel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:58 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** To Whom It may Concern

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

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I am against all toll increases!

Sincerely,

Ketan Patel  
6 Adam Ct  
Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
[kjpatel@gmail.com](mailto:kjpatel@gmail.com)

**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Fortunato Orlando <forlando@severud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:58 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Cotton

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

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Sincerely,

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24 Louise Ln  
Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
[forlando@severud.com](mailto:forlando@severud.com)

**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Melissa Velez <melissa.velez11@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:53 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Commissioners

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I saw that you are looking to raise the tolls and I wanted to express my strong opinion against it. I am a commuter and as you know your toll hike will likely come out of my pocket in some fashion. I choose to take a bus from New York City out of concern for the environment and to reduce congestion on the road. I also find it is easier for me to get around the city without using a car. I also find public transportation to be more cost effective for me and my family. Clearly, my motives are genuine and what we all feel is the right way to commute. So my question to you is, "why are commuters being punished for doing the right thing?".

I say "NO" to the toll hikes and you trying to get more money off the backs of commuters who use mass transit.

Sincerely,

Melissa Velez  
32 Avenue I  
Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
[melissa.velez11@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.velez11@gmail.com)

**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Jeffrey Freuler <freuler03@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 12:01 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Cotton

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Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Kiran Siri <kiran.siri@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 28, 2019 8:51 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Cotton

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Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Abbi Clissold <abbi.clissold@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 27, 2019 7:40 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Concerned Bus Rider

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am wholeheartedly against your toll hikes that your agency is looking to impose on bus riders. Commuting costs continue to rise and sooner or later it will be more cost effective just to work from home. I take the bus for my commute, which as you know is encouraged since it is a form of mass transit. Why should I pay more? Increases should be paid by people who take cars, since they are not taking mass transit.

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Krishna Kudugi <kittu54@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 27, 2019 6:13 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Toll Committee

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I have learned that the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey has proposed a toll increase that will apply to buses entering NYC from New Jersey. As a commuter and someone that uses public transportation, I strongly oppose such an increase.

An effective public transportation system is beneficial, both environmentally and economically. The use of buses leads to fewer cars on the road which in turn, leads to a reduction in traffic congestion and reduced air pollution. Increasing the tolls on buses will continue to drive up the costs for us and, in many cases, disincentive their use. Fewer bus riders means more vehicular congestion, and longer commute times and a reduced environmental benefit.

The Port Authority should focus on encouraging the use of our public transportation systems, such as buses, rather than increasing their cost and driving people away. Please reconsider your proposal to increase tolls for buses.

Sincerely,

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Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Byron Shafer <beshafer38@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 27, 2019 11:03 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Chairman and Committee

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am a commuter and I am tired of having to pay to do the right thing. Taking the bus to NYC daily can be stressful and time consuming as well as costly (bus tickets, MTA bus/subway tickets once in New York City and parking fees, etc.) for me and many of my fellow commuters. This additional toll hike will most likely increase those costs on me and other riders. This will undoubtedly affect my family budget for the month. The thought of a toll hike and then a congestion pricing fee that I hear in the news makes me wonder when the fees will stop. I currently use public transportation, specifically the bus, to avoid taking my car into NYC. I now must ask, "at what cost?" I would ask that you and your committee avoid placing further financial burden on commuters by not increasing the tolls on buses.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Dan Stewart <CranburyQusrk@ail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2019 7:38 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Concerned Bus Rider

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am wholeheartedly against your toll hikes that your agency is looking to impose on bus riders. Commuting costs continue to rise and sooner or later it will be more cost effective just to work from home. I take the bus for my commute, which as you know is encouraged since it is a form of mass transit. Why should I pay more? Increases should be paid by people who take cars, since they are not taking mass transit.

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Jyothi baddi <jbaddi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2019 5:36 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Cotton

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

According to media reports, your agency is in the middle of a review of toll. After reviewing your proposal, I noticed that cars are being treated differently with the percentage increase than buses. I take the bus, which to me, is common sense since buses can transport more people. Cars create more congestion and as such, the toll hikes should apply to cars instead of mass transportation.

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Veera Thimmisetty <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2019 5:35 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** To Whom It may Concern

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am totally against the toll increases. This area is surrounded by toll roads and I am tired of it. I take the bus to keep my work commuting costs down and this idea does not help. On top of that, policymakers are also reviewing proposals surrounding congestion pricing fees. Depending on the toll increase, I may find it more economical to just work from home or only commute into New York City a few days a week.  
I am against all toll increases!

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Sharon Dunham <pdun55@optonline.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2019 8:41 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Port Authority

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am writing to express my strong opinion against the proposed toll hike you are putting on commuters. We have long, strenuous daily commutes and incur a significant cost traveling to and from New York City (NYC). Some of these costs include bus or train fare (or both), tolls already in place, subway or bus fare in NYC, and now I hear that you want to raise the tolls again. Whenever, I hear policymakers talking about commuting, we are encouraged to take mass transit, but you are adding on costs to the people heading your requests by raising tolls. Also, hearing the debate about congestion pricing concerns me.

I would hope that when making your final decision on this toll hike you consider giving commuters who use mass transit, as you and others have encouraged us to do, a break.

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Joshua Leonard <joshua.leonard@harrys.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2019 9:07 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Concerned Bus Rider

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am wholeheartedly against your toll hikes that your agency is looking to impose on bus riders. Commuting costs continue to rise and sooner or later it will be more cost effective just to work from home. I take the bus for my commute, which as you know is encouraged since it is a form of mass transit. Why should I pay more? Increases should be paid by people who take cars, since they are not taking mass transit.

Sincerely,

Joshua Leonard  
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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Sreepada Nadiger <sreepadrao@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2019 8:13 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Commissioners

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I saw that you are looking to raise the tolls and I wanted to express my strong opinion against it. I am a commuter and as you know your toll hike will likely come out of my pocket in some fashion. I choose to take a bus from New York City out of concern for the environment and to reduce congestion on the road. I also find it is easier for me to get around the city without using a car. I also find public transportation to be more cost effective for me and my family. Clearly, my motives are genuine and what we all feel is the right way to commute. So my question to you is, "why are commuters being punished for doing the right thing?".

I say "NO" to the toll hikes and you trying to get more money off the backs of commuters who use mass transit.

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Susan Mulderrig <smulderrig@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2019 8:49 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Concerned Bus Rider

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am wholeheartedly against your toll hikes that your agency is looking to impose on bus riders. Commuting costs continue to rise and sooner or later it will be more cost effective just to work from home. I take the bus for my commute, which as you know is encouraged since it is a form of mass transit. Why should I pay more? Increases should be paid by people who take cars, since they are not taking mass transit.

Sincerely,

Susan Mulderrig  
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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Jitin Khanna <JITIN.KHANNA005@GMAIL.COM>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2019 7:40 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** To Whom It may Concern

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

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I am against all toll increases!

Sincerely,

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Plainsboro, NJ 08536  
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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Srinivas Janakiraman <vidhyasrini03@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2019 7:35 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Port Authority

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am writing to express my strong opinion against the proposed toll hike you are putting on commuters. We have long, strenuous daily commutes and incur a significant cost traveling to and from New York City (NYC). Some of these costs include bus or train fare (or both), tolls already in place, subway or bus fare in NYC, and now I hear that you want to raise the tolls again. Whenever, I hear policymakers talking about commuting, we are encouraged to take mass transit, but you are adding on costs to the people heading your requests by raising tolls. Also, hearing the debate about congestion pricing concerns me.

I would hope that when making your final decision on this toll hike you consider giving commuters who use mass transit, as you and others have encouraged us to do, a break.

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Hari Muppalaneni <harimp@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2019 7:27 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** To Whom It may Concern

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Sincerely,

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## Benson, Asm. D.O.

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**From:** Satya Nemana <nemanas@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2019 7:11 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Commissioners

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I saw that you are looking to raise the tolls and I wanted to express my strong opinion against it. I am a commuter and as you know your toll hike will likely come out of my pocket in some fashion. I choose to take a bus from New York City out of concern for the environment and to reduce congestion on the road. I also find it is easier for me to get around the city without using a car. I also find public transportation to be more cost effective for me and my family. Clearly, my motives are genuine and what we all feel is the right way to commute. So my question to you is, "why are commuters being punished for doing the right thing?".

I say "NO" to the toll hikes and you trying to get more money off the backs of commuters who use mass transit.

Sincerely,

Satya Nemana  
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East Windsor, NJ 08520  
[nemanas@gmail.com](mailto:nemanas@gmail.com)

**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Wade moughrabie <user@voterveice.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 25, 2019 4:58 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Port Authority of NY and NJ

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I oppose your proposal to raise toll rates on buses entering New York City. I commute daily into NYC and it already costs me an "arm and leg" just to get to and from work. Why are you adding to it? Buses should be discounted or better yet, free, since they take cars off the road. Please reconsider your proposal and, if you must raise tolls, raise the tolls on individual cars rather than sensible mass transit options such as buses.

Sincerely,

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## Benson, Asm. D.O.

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**From:** Shabbir Kapadvanjwala <stzain@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 25, 2019 12:34 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Port Authority

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

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Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Shiv Rathore <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 24, 2019 12:46 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** To Whom It may Concern

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am totally against the toll increases. This area is surrounded by toll roads and I am tired of it. I take the bus to keep my work commuting costs down and this idea does not help. On top of that, policymakers are also reviewing proposals surrounding congestion pricing fees. Depending on the toll increase, I may find it more economical to just work from home or only commute into New York City a few days a week.

I am against all toll increases!

Sincerely,

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## Benson, Asm. D.O.

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**From:** Surya Yelubolu <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 24, 2019 12:24 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Commissioners

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

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Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Aravind Datta <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 24, 2019 12:09 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** To Whom It may Concern

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

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Sincerely,

Aravind Datta  
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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Bhanu Karumudi <bhanu0922@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 24, 2019 10:13 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** To Whom It may Concern

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

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Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Satish Thummala <tsatishus@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 24, 2019 9:41 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Cotton

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Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Terence Corcoran <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 24, 2019 8:14 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Commissioners

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I saw that you are looking to raise the tolls and I wanted to express my strong opinion against it. I am a commuter and as you know your toll hike will likely come out of my pocket in some fashion. I choose to take a bus from New York City out of concern for the environment and to reduce congestion on the road. I also find it is easier for me to get around the city without using a car. I also find public transportation to be more cost effective for me and my family. Clearly, my motives are genuine and what we all feel is the right way to commute. So my question to you is, "why are commuters being punished for doing the right thing?".

I say "NO" to the toll hikes and you trying to get more money off the backs of commuters who use mass transit.

Sincerely,

Terence Corcoran  
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Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Alison Baumann <aliebaumann66@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 24, 2019 8:39 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Port Authority of NY and NJ

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

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Sincerely,

Alison Baumann  
18 Manor Blvd  
Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Tanmay Sheth <tns15786@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2019 10:29 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** To Whom It may Concern

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am totally against the toll increases. This area is surrounded by toll roads and I am tired of it. I take the bus to keep my work commuting costs down and this idea does not help. On top of that, policymakers are also reviewing proposals surrounding congestion pricing fees. Depending on the toll increase, I may find it more economical to just work from home or only commute into New York City a few days a week.  
I am against all toll increases!

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Manoj Radder <manojradder@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2019 9:58 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Port Authority

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am writing to express my strong opinion against the proposed toll hike you are putting on commuters. We have long, strenuous daily commutes and incur a significant cost traveling to and from New York City (NYC). Some of these costs include bus or train fare (or both), tolls already in place, subway or bus fare in NYC, and now I hear that you want to raise the tolls again. Whenever, I hear policymakers talking about commuting, we are encouraged to take mass transit, but you are adding on costs to the people heading your requests by raising tolls. Also, hearing the debate about congestion pricing concerns me.

I would hope that when making your final decision on this toll hike you consider giving commuters who use mass transit, as you and others have encouraged us to do, a break.

Sincerely,

Manoj Radder  
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Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Amit Jauhri <ajauhri@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2019 9:56 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Port Authority

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am writing to express my strong opinion against the proposed toll hike you are putting on commuters. We have long, strenuous daily commutes and incur a significant cost traveling to and from New York City (NYC). Some of these costs include bus or train fare (or both), tolls already in place, subway or bus fare in NYC, and now I hear that you want to raise the tolls again. Whenever, I hear policymakers talking about commuting, we are encouraged to take mass transit, but you are adding on costs to the people heading your requests by raising tolls. Also, hearing the debate about congestion pricing concerns me. I would hope that when making your final decision on this toll hike you consider giving commuters who use mass transit, as you and others have encouraged us to do, a break.

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Sankar Madrahalli <vsmadra@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2019 9:44 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Toll Committee

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I have learned that the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey has proposed a toll increase that will apply to buses entering NYC from New Jersey. As a commuter and someone that uses public transportation, I strongly oppose such an increase.

An effective public transportation system is beneficial, both environmentally and economically. The use of buses leads to fewer cars on the road which in turn, leads to a reduction in traffic congestion and reduced air pollution. Increasing the tolls on buses will continue to drive up the costs for us and, in many cases, disincentive their use. Fewer bus riders means more vehicular congestion, and longer commute times and a reduced environmental benefit.

The Port Authority should focus on encouraging the use of our public transportation systems, such as buses, rather than increasing their cost and driving people away. Please reconsider your proposal to increase tolls for buses.

Sincerely,

Sankar Madrahalli  
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Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Guv Patel <gauresh.patel@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2019 8:34 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Concerned Bus Rider

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am wholeheartedly against your toll hikes that your agency is looking to impose on bus riders. Commuting costs continue to rise and sooner or later it will be more cost effective just to work from home. I take the bus for my commute, which as you know is encouraged since it is a form of mass transit. Why should I pay more? Increases should be paid by people who take cars, since they are not taking mass transit.

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Manoj Aerroju <manoj401@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2019 8:04 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Port Authority of NY and NJ

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Sincerely,

Manoj Aerroju  
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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Ruby OWoodard <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2019 3:15 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Concerned Bus Rider

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am wholeheartedly against your toll hikes that your agency is looking to impose on bus riders. Commuting costs continue to rise and sooner or later it will be more cost effective just to work from home. I take the bus for my commute, which as you know is encouraged since it is a form of mass transit. Why should I pay more? Increases should be paid by people who take cars, since they are not taking mass transit.

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Ranajoy Sarkar <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2019 9:12 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Concerned Bus Rider

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am wholeheartedly against your toll hikes that your agency is looking to impose on bus riders. Commuting costs continue to rise and sooner or later it will be more cost effective just to work from home. I take the bus for my commute, which as you know is encouraged since it is a form of mass transit. Why should I pay more? Increases should be paid by people who take cars, since they are not taking mass transit.

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Amarnath Divakaran <amarnath.divakaran@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2019 7:13 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Concerned Bus Rider

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am wholeheartedly against your toll hikes that your agency is looking to impose on bus riders. Commuting costs continue to rise and sooner or later it will be more cost effective just to work from home. I take the bus for my commute, which as you know is encouraged since it is a form of mass transit. Why should I pay more? Increases should be paid by people who take cars, since they are not taking mass transit.

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** David Vincent <vdavid25@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2019 12:34 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Chairman and Committee

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am a commuter and I am tired of having to pay to do the right thing. Taking the bus to NYC daily can be stressful and time consuming as well as costly (bus tickets, MTA bus/subway tickets once in New York City and parking fees, etc.) for me and many of my fellow commuters. This additional toll hike will most likely increase those costs on me and other riders. This will undoubtedly affect my family budget for the month. The thought of a toll hike and then a congestion pricing fee that I hear in the news makes me wonder when the fees will stop. I currently use public transportation, specifically the bus, to avoid taking my car into NYC. I now must ask, "at what cost?" I would ask that you and your committee avoid placing further financial burden on commuters by not increasing the tolls on buses.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Madu Reddy <gcmsreddy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2019 11:31 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** To Whom It may Concern

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am totally against the toll increases. This area is surrounded by toll roads and I am tired of it. I take the bus to keep my work commuting costs down and this idea does not help. On top of that, policymakers are also reviewing proposals surrounding congestion pricing fees. Depending on the toll increase, I may find it more economical to just work from home or only commute into New York City a few days a week.  
I am against all toll increases!

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Reuben Reyes <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 10:27 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Toll Committee

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I have learned that the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey has proposed a toll increase that will apply to buses entering NYC from New Jersey. As a commuter and someone that uses public transportation, I strongly oppose such an increase.

An effective public transportation system is beneficial, both environmentally and economically. The use of buses leads to fewer cars on the road which in turn, leads to a reduction in traffic congestion and reduced air pollution. Increasing the tolls on buses will continue to drive up the costs for us and, in many cases, disincentive their use. Fewer bus riders means more vehicular congestion, and longer commute times and a reduced environmental benefit.

The Port Authority should focus on encouraging the use of our public transportation systems, such as buses, rather than increasing their cost and driving people away. Please reconsider your proposal to increase tolls for buses.

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Sethu Praveen <getpraveenps@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 11:29 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Commissioners

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I saw that you are looking to raise the tolls and I wanted to express my strong opinion against it. I am a commuter and as you know your toll hike will likely come out of my pocket in some fashion. I choose to take a bus from New York City out of concern for the environment and to reduce congestion on the road. I also find it is easier for me to get around the city without using a car. I also find public transportation to be more cost effective for me and my family. Clearly, my motives are genuine and what we all feel is the right way to commute. So my question to you is, "why are commuters being punished for doing the right thing?"

I say "NO" to the toll hikes and you trying to get more money off the backs of commuters who use mass transit.

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Andrew Gallatin <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 8:38 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Commissioners

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I saw that you are looking to raise the tolls and I wanted to express my strong opinion against it. I am a commuter and as you know your toll hike will likely come out of my pocket in some fashion. I choose to take a bus from New York City out of concern for the environment and to reduce congestion on the road. I also find it is easier for me to get around the city without using a car. I also find public transportation to be more cost effective for me and my family. Clearly, my motives are genuine and what we all feel is the right way to commute. So my question to you is, "why are commuters being punished for doing the right thing?".

I say "NO" to the toll hikes and you trying to get more money off the backs of commuters who use mass transit.

Sincerely,

Andrew Gallatin  
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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Marcheta Boyd <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 7:30 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Concerned Bus Rider

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am wholeheartedly against your toll hikes that your agency is looking to impose on bus riders. Commuting costs continue to rise and sooner or later it will be more cost effective just to work from home. I take the bus for my commute, which as you know is encouraged since it is a form of mass transit. Why should I pay more? Increases should be paid by people who take cars, since they are not taking mass transit.

Sincerely,

Marcheta Boyd  
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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Gloria Tovar <glrtovar@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 6:39 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** To Whom It may Concern

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am totally against the toll increases. This area is surrounded by toll roads and I am tired of it. I take the bus to keep my work commuting costs down and this idea does not help. On top of that, policymakers are also reviewing proposals surrounding congestion pricing fees. Depending on the toll increase, I may find it more economical to just work from home or only commute into New York City a few days a week.

I am against all toll increases!

Sincerely,

Gloria Tovar  
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## Benson, Asm. D.O.

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**From:** Nitin Jain <nitjains@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 6:01 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Commissioners

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I saw that you are looking to raise the tolls and I wanted to express my strong opinion against it. I am a commuter and as you know your toll hike will likely come out of my pocket in some fashion. I choose to take a bus from New York City out of concern for the environment and to reduce congestion on the road. I also find it is easier for me to get around the city without using a car. I also find public transportation to be more cost effective for me and my family. Clearly, my motives are genuine and what we all feel is the right way to commute. So my question to you is, "why are commuters being punished for doing the right thing?".

I say "NO" to the toll hikes and you trying to get more money off the backs of commuters who use mass transit.

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Javeed Shaikh <javeed.shaikhs@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 6:01 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Commissioners

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I saw that you are looking to raise the tolls and I wanted to express my strong opinion against it. I am a commuter and as you know your toll hike will likely come out of my pocket in some fashion. I choose to take a bus from New York City out of concern for the environment and to reduce congestion on the road. I also find it is easier for me to get around the city without using a car. I also find public transportation to be more cost effective for me and my family. Clearly, my motives are genuine and what we all feel is the right way to commute. So my question to you is, "why are commuters being punished for doing the right thing?".  
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Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Piyush Patel <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 5:55 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Commissioners

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

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Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** SREEVATHSAN RAVICHANDRAN <sree.quotes@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 5:28 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Toll Committee

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I have learned that the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey has proposed a toll increase that will apply to buses entering NYC from New Jersey. As a commuter and someone that uses public transportation, I strongly oppose such an increase.

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The Port Authority should focus on encouraging the use of our public transportation systems, such as buses, rather than increasing their cost and driving people away. Please reconsider your proposal to increase tolls for buses.

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Deval Patel <devaldip@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 5:10 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Concerned Bus Rider

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

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Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:**  
**Sent:**  
**To:**  
**Subject:**

Omeya Ambre <omeya@hotmail.com>  
Thursday, August 22, 2019 4:13 PM  
Benson, Asm. D.O.  
Port Authority of NY and NJ

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I oppose your proposal to raise toll rates on buses entering New York City. I commute daily into NYC and it already costs me an "arm and leg" just to get to and from work. Why are you adding to it? Buses should be discounted or better yet, free, since they take cars off the road. Please reconsider your proposal and, if you must raise tolls, raise the tolls on individual cars rather than sensible mass transit options such as buses.

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

**From:** Rohit Garg <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 4:02 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Commissioners

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I saw that you are looking to raise the tolls and I wanted to express my strong opinion against it. I am a commuter and as you know your toll hike will likely come out of my pocket in some fashion. I choose to take a bus from New York City out of concern for the environment and to reduce congestion on the road. I also find it is easier for me to get around the city without using a car. I also find public transportation to be more cost effective for me and my family. Clearly, my motives are genuine and what we all feel is the right way to commute. So my question to you is, "why are commuters being punished for doing the right thing?".  
I say "NO" to the toll hikes and you trying to get more money off the backs of commuters who use mass transit.

Sincerely,

Rohit Garg  
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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Balaji Chennawar <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 4:08 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Port Authority of NY and NJ

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I oppose your proposal to raise toll rates on buses entering New York City. I commute daily into NYC and it already costs me an "arm and leg" just to get to and from work. Why are you adding to it? Buses should be discounted or better yet, free, since they take cars off the road. Please reconsider your proposal and, if you must raise tolls, raise the tolls on individual cars rather than sensible mass transit options such as buses.

Sincerely,

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Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** John Nielsen <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 4:05 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Chairman and Committee

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am a commuter and I am tired of having to pay to do the right thing. Taking the bus to NYC daily can be stressful and time consuming as well as costly (bus tickets, MTA bus/subway tickets once in New York City and parking fees, etc.) for me and many of my fellow commuters. This additional toll hike will most likely increase those costs on me and other riders. This will undoubtedly affect my family budget for the month. The thought of a toll hike and then a congestion pricing fee that I hear in the news makes me wonder when the fees will stop. I currently use public transportation, specifically the bus, to avoid taking my car into NYC. I now must ask, "at what cost?" I would ask that you and your committee avoid placing further financial burden on commuters by not increasing the tolls on buses.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

John Nielsen  
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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Peter Quaglierini <pjquag@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 3:57 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** To Whom It may Concern

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

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Sincerely,

Peter Quaglierini  
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## Benson, Asm. D.O.

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**From:** Carmen D Santiago <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 3:43 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Cotton

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

According to media reports, your agency is in the middle of a review of toll. After reviewing your proposal, I noticed that cars are being treated differently with the percentage increase than buses. I take the bus, which to me, is common sense since buses can transport more people. Cars create more congestion and as such, the toll hikes should apply to cars instead of mass transportation.

Sincerely,

Carmen D Santiago  
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Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Arun Cherian <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 2:55 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Concerned Bus Rider

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Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Reddyprasad Nagarapu <user@voterveice.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 2:39 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Chairman and Committee

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am a commuter and I am tired of having to pay to do the right thing. Taking the bus to NYC daily can be stressful and time consuming as well as costly (bus tickets, MTA bus/subway tickets once in New York City and parking fees, etc.) for me and many of my fellow commuters. This additional toll hike will most likely increase those costs on me and other riders. This will undoubtedly affect my family budget for the month. The thought of a toll hike and then a congestion pricing fee that I hear in the news makes me wonder when the fees will stop. I currently use public transportation, specifically the bus, to avoid taking my car into NYC. I now must ask, "at what cost?" I would ask that you and your committee avoid placing further financial burden on commuters by not increasing the tolls on buses.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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## Benson, Asm. D.O.

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**From:** Mohit Srivastava <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 2:33 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Toll Committee

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Sincerely,

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Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
[mohit\\_srivastava\\_99@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mohit_srivastava_99@yahoo.co.uk)

**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Alexis Espriella <alexis.espriella@hearst.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 2:25 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Port Authority of NY and NJ

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I oppose your proposal to raise toll rates on buses entering New York City. I commute daily into NYC and it already costs me an "arm and leg" just to get to and from work. Why are you adding to it? Buses should be discounted or better yet, free, since they take cars off the road. Please reconsider your proposal and, if you must raise tolls, raise the tolls on individual cars rather than sensible mass transit options such as buses.

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Lakshmi Kanneganti <lakshmi.kanneganti@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 2:24 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Concerned Bus Rider

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

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Sincerely,

Lakshmi Kanneganti  
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Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
[lakshmi.kanneganti@gmail.com](mailto:lakshmi.kanneganti@gmail.com)

**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** RAJESH PURSWANI <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 2:23 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Toll Committee

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Sincerely,

RAJESH PURSWANI  
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Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Pradeep Melam <pradeep.melam@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 2:23 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Chairman and Committee

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Thank you!

Sincerely,

Pradeep Melam  
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Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
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## Benson, Asm. D.O.

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**From:** Joseph Bernasky <joseph.bernasky@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:59 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Port Authority

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am writing to express my strong opinion against the proposed toll hike you are putting on commuters. We have long, strenuous daily commutes and incur a significant cost traveling to and from New York City (NYC). Some of these costs include bus or train fare (or both), tolls already in place, subway or bus fare in NYC, and now I hear that you want to raise the tolls again. Whenever, I hear policymakers talking about commuting, we are encouraged to take mass transit, but you are adding on costs to the people heading your requests by raising tolls. Also, hearing the debate about congestion pricing concerns me.

I would hope that when making your final decision on this toll hike you consider giving commuters who use mass transit, as you and others have encouraged us to do, a break.

Sincerely,

Joseph Bernasky  
21 Scott Dr  
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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Subram Gunturu <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:31 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Concerned Bus Rider

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am wholeheartedly against your toll hikes that your agency is looking to impose on bus riders. Commuting costs continue to rise and sooner or later it will be more cost effective just to work from home. I take the bus for my commute, which as you know is encouraged since it is a form of mass transit. Why should I pay more? Increases should be paid by people who take cars, since they are not taking mass transit.

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Robert Albert <robertalbert9@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:48 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Port Authority of NY and NJ

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I oppose your proposal to raise toll rates on buses entering New York City. I commute daily into NYC and it already costs me an "arm and leg" just to get to and from work. Why are you adding to it? Buses should be discounted or better yet, free, since they take cars off the road. Please reconsider your proposal and, if you must raise tolls, raise the tolls on individual cars rather than sensible mass transit options such as buses.

Sincerely,

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## Benson, Asm. D.O.

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**From:** Shree Seshan <chiyaanshree@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:20 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Port Authority

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am writing to express my strong opinion against the proposed toll hike you are putting on commuters. We have long, strenuous daily commutes and incur a significant cost traveling to and from New York City (NYC). Some of these costs include bus or train fare (or both), tolls already in place, subway or bus fare in NYC, and now I hear that you want to raise the tolls again. Whenever, I hear policymakers talking about commuting, we are encouraged to take mass transit, but you are adding on costs to the people heading your requests by raising tolls. Also, hearing the debate about congestion pricing concerns me.

I would hope that when making your final decision on this toll hike you consider giving commuters who use mass transit, as you and others have encouraged us to do, a break.

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** SreeNikesh Nandalur <nikesh.arz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:24 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Commissioners

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I saw that you are looking to raise the tolls and I wanted to express my strong opinion against it. I am a commuter and as you know your toll hike will likely come out of my pocket in some fashion. I choose to take a bus from New York City out of concern for the environment and to reduce congestion on the road. I also find it is easier for me to get around the city without using a car. I also find public transportation to be more cost effective for me and my family. Clearly, my motives are genuine and what we all feel is the right way to commute. So my question to you is, "why are commuters being punished for doing the right thing?".

I say "NO" to the toll hikes and you trying to get more money off the backs of commuters who use mass transit.

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Ed Atlak <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:27 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Chairman and Committee

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am a commuter and I am tired of having to pay to do the right thing. Taking the bus to NYC daily can be stressful and time consuming as well as costly (bus tickets, MTA bus/subway tickets once in New York City and parking fees, etc.) for me and many of my fellow commuters. This additional toll hike will most likely increase those costs on me and other riders. This will undoubtedly affect my family budget for the month. The thought of a toll hike and then a congestion pricing fee that I hear in the news makes me wonder when the fees will stop. I currently use public transportation, specifically the bus, to avoid taking my car into NYC. I now must ask, "at what cost?" I would ask that you and your committee avoid placing further financial burden on commuters by not increasing the tolls on buses.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Ravi Dyapa <rdyapa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:18 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Chairman and Committee

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am a commuter and I am tired of having to pay to do the right thing. Taking the bus to NYC daily can be stressful and time consuming as well as costly (bus tickets, MTA bus/subway tickets once in New York City and parking fees, etc.) for me and many of my fellow commuters. This additional toll hike will most likely increase those costs on me and other riders. This will undoubtedly affect my family budget for the month. The thought of a toll hike and then a congestion pricing fee that I hear in the news makes me wonder when the fees will stop. I currently use public transportation, specifically the bus, to avoid taking my car into NYC. I now must ask, "at what cost?"

I would ask that you and your committee avoid placing further financial burden on commuters by not increasing the tolls on buses.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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## Benson, Asm. D.O.

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**From:** Sal Masella <user@voterveice.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:13 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Chairman and Committee

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am a commuter and I am tired of having to pay to do the right thing. Taking the bus to NYC daily can be stressful and time consuming as well as costly (bus tickets, MTA bus/subway tickets once in New York City and parking fees, etc.) for me and many of my fellow commuters. This additional toll hike will most likely increase those costs on me and other riders. This will undoubtedly affect my family budget for the month. The thought of a toll hike and then a congestion pricing fee that I hear in the news makes me wonder when the fees will stop. I currently use public transportation, specifically the bus, to avoid taking my car into NYC. I now must ask, "at what cost?" I would ask that you and your committee avoid placing further financial burden on commuters by not increasing the tolls on buses.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Terence Corcoran <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:12 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Concerned Bus Rider

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am wholeheartedly against your toll hikes that your agency is looking to impose on bus riders. Commuting costs continue to rise and sooner or later it will be more cost effective just to work from home. I take the bus for my commute, which as you know is encouraged since it is a form of mass transit. Why should I pay more? Increases should be paid by people who take cars, since they are not taking mass transit.

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Anthony Siciliano <SicilianoA@sullcrom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:04 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Concerned Bus Rider

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am wholeheartedly against your toll hikes that your agency is looking to impose on bus riders. Commuting costs continue to rise and sooner or later it will be more cost effective just to work from home. I take the bus for my commute, which as you know is encouraged since it is a form of mass transit. Why should I pay more? Increases should be paid by people who take cars, since they are not taking mass transit.

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Bijay Pattanaik <bijay.pattanaik@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 12:53 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Port Authority

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am writing to express my strong opinion against the proposed toll hike you are putting on commuters. We have long, strenuous daily commutes and incur a significant cost traveling to and from New York City (NYC). Some of these costs include bus or train fare (or both), tolls already in place, subway or bus fare in NYC, and now I hear that you want to raise the tolls again. Whenever, I hear policymakers talking about commuting, we are encouraged to take mass transit, but you are adding on costs to the people heading your requests by raising tolls. Also, hearing the debate about congestion pricing concerns me.

I would hope that when making your final decision on this toll hike you consider giving commuters who use mass transit, as you and others have encouraged us to do, a break.

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Jay Felix <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 12:52 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** To Whom It may Concern

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am totally against the toll increases. This area is surrounded by toll roads and I am tired of it. I take the bus to keep my work commuting costs down and this idea does not help. On top of that, policymakers are also reviewing proposals surrounding congestion pricing fees. Depending on the toll increase, I may find it more economical to just work from home or only commute into New York City a few days a week.  
I am against all toll increases!

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Nakul Mittal <nakulmittal@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 12:32 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Port Authority

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am writing to express my strong opinion against the proposed toll hike you are putting on commuters. We have long, strenuous daily commutes and incur a significant cost traveling to and from New York City (NYC). Some of these costs include bus or train fare (or both), tolls already in place, subway or bus fare in NYC, and now I hear that you want to raise the tolls again. Whenever, I hear policymakers talking about commuting, we are encouraged to take mass transit, but you are adding on costs to the people heading your requests by raising tolls. Also, hearing the debate about congestion pricing concerns me.

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Sincerely,

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## Benson, Asm. D.O.

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**From:** Anuradha Kattineni <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 12:26 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** To Whom It may Concern

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

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I am against all toll increases!

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Sahadeva Reddy Rachakada <reddy.rachakada@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 12:25 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Cotton

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

According to media reports, your agency is in the middle of a review of toll. After reviewing your proposal, I noticed that cars are being treated differently with the percentage increase than buses. I take the bus, which to me, is common sense since buses can transport more people. Cars create more congestion and as such, the toll hikes should apply to cars instead of mass transportation.

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Syed T Zaidi <tanveerzaidi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 12:21 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Toll Committee

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I have learned that the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey has proposed a toll increase that will apply to buses entering NYC from New Jersey. As a commuter and someone that uses public transportation, I strongly oppose such an increase.

An effective public transportation system is beneficial, both environmentally and economically. The use of buses leads to fewer cars on the road which in turn, leads to a reduction in traffic congestion and reduced air pollution. Increasing the tolls on buses will continue to drive up the costs for us and, in many cases, disincentive their use. Fewer bus riders means more vehicular congestion, and longer commute times and a reduced environmental benefit.

The Port Authority should focus on encouraging the use of our public transportation systems, such as buses, rather than increasing their cost and driving people away. Please reconsider your proposal to increase tolls for buses.

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** praveen hugar <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 12:24 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Cotton

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Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Fernando Concepcion <fmcpsc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 12:18 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Cotton

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

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Sincerely,

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## Benson, Asm. D.O.

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**From:** Sajeev Ravindran <sajeev.ravindran@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 12:15 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Port Authority

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am writing to express my strong opinion against the proposed toll hike you are putting on commuters. We have long, strenuous daily commutes and incur a significant cost traveling to and from New York City (NYC). Some of these costs include bus or train fare (or both), tolls already in place, subway or bus fare in NYC, and now I hear that you want to raise the tolls again. Whenever, I hear policymakers talking about commuting, we are encouraged to take mass transit, but you are adding on costs to the people heading your requests by raising tolls. Also, hearing the debate about congestion pricing concerns me.

I would hope that when making your final decision on this toll hike you consider giving commuters who use mass transit, as you and others have encouraged us to do, a break.

Sincerely,

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## Benson, Asm. D.O.

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**From:** Sujendra Sawant <sujendras@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 12:06 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Chairman and Committee

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am a commuter and I am tired of having to pay to do the right thing. Taking the bus to NYC daily can be stressful and time consuming as well as costly (bus tickets, MTA bus/subway tickets once in New York City and parking fees, etc.) for me and many of my fellow commuters. This additional toll hike will most likely increase those costs on me and other riders. This will undoubtedly affect my family budget for the month. The thought of a toll hike and then a congestion pricing fee that I hear in the news makes me wonder when the fees will stop. I currently use public transportation, specifically the bus, to avoid taking my car into NYC. I now must ask, "at what cost?" I would ask that you and your committee avoid placing further financial burden on commuters by not increasing the tolls on buses.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Nirav Parikh <niravparikh10@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 12:07 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Mr. Cotton

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Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Sumeet Sikka <sikkasumeet@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 12:05 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Port Authority of NY and NJ

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I oppose your proposal to raise toll rates on buses entering New York City. I commute daily into NYC and it already costs me an "arm and leg" just to get to and from work. Why are you adding to it? Buses should be discounted or better yet, free, since they take cars off the road. Please reconsider your proposal and, if you must raise tolls, raise the tolls on individual cars rather than sensible mass transit options such as buses.

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Jitender Palla <jpalla@live.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 12:08 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** To Whom It may Concern

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am totally against the toll increases. This area is surrounded by toll roads and I am tired of it. I take the bus to keep my work commuting costs down and this idea does not help. On top of that, policymakers are also reviewing proposals surrounding congestion pricing fees. Depending on the toll increase, I may find it more economical to just work from home or only commute into New York City a few days a week.

I am against all toll increases!

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Jyothi Pulimamidi <user@votervoice.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 12:09 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Concerned Bus Rider

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am wholeheartedly against your toll hikes that your agency is looking to impose on bus riders. Commuting costs continue to rise and sooner or later it will be more cost effective just to work from home. I take the bus for my commute, which as you know is encouraged since it is a form of mass transit. Why should I pay more? Increases should be paid by people who take cars, since they are not taking mass transit.

Sincerely,

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## Benson, Asm. D.O.

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**From:** Vimal Purohit <purohit.vimal@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 12:05 PM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Commissioners

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

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I say "NO" to the toll hikes and you trying to get more money off the backs of commuters who use mass transit.

Sincerely,

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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Shannon Taft <staft@orrick.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 11:58 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Port Authority

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am writing to express my strong opinion against the proposed toll hike you are putting on commuters. We have long, strenuous daily commutes and incur a significant cost traveling to and from New York City (NYC). Some of these costs include bus or train fare (or both), tolls already in place, subway or bus fare in NYC, and now I hear that you want to raise the tolls again. Whenever, I hear policymakers talking about commuting, we are encouraged to take mass transit, but you are adding on costs to the people heading your requests by raising tolls. Also, hearing the debate about congestion pricing concerns me.

I would hope that when making your final decision on this toll hike you consider giving commuters who use mass transit, as you and others have encouraged us to do, a break.

Sincerely,

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## Benson, Asm. D.O.

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**From:** Bhavin Patel <bhavinkp@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 11:59 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Port Authority

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am writing to express my strong opinion against the proposed toll hike you are putting on commuters. We have long, strenuous daily commutes and incur a significant cost traveling to and from New York City (NYC). Some of these costs include bus or train fare (or both), tolls already in place, subway or bus fare in NYC, and now I hear that you want to raise the tolls again. Whenever, I hear policymakers talking about commuting, we are encouraged to take mass transit, but you are adding on costs to the people heading your requests by raising tolls. Also, hearing the debate about congestion pricing concerns me.

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Sincerely,

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Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
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**Benson, Asm. D.O.**

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**From:** Edgard Pinto <epintojr@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2019 11:48 AM  
**To:** Benson, Asm. D.O.  
**Subject:** Concerned Bus Rider

Dear Assemblyman Benson,

I am wholeheartedly against your toll hikes that your agency is looking to impose on bus riders. Commuting costs continue to rise and sooner or later it will be more cost effective just to work from home. I take the bus for my commute, which as you know is encouraged since it is a form of mass transit. Why should I pay more? Increases should be paid by people who take cars, since they are not taking mass transit.

Sincerely,

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## NEW JERSEY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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September 4, 2019

Hon. Kevin O'Toole  
Chair, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey  
4 World Trade Center  
New York, NY 10010

Dear Chairman O'Toole:

I oppose the Port Authority's plan to increase tolls and reduce discounts for Port Authority bridges and tunnels. These changes will increase costs for the drivers and bus passengers in Bergen County.

The plan cuts EZ Pass discounts by 25¢ and the discounts will be further cut by 25¢ when the tolls increase again in the future. EZ Pass works to reduce congestion and save costs. Since the objective of going completely cashless will be achieved under the plan, the savings should continue to be passed along to drivers using EZ Pass.

The carpool discount is heavily used by my constituents to cross the George Washington Bridge. The plan contemplates that the carpool discount be eliminated because there will be no way to verify the amount of people in the car. However, the FasTrak system in California offers a carpool discount with a cashless tolling system. The savings from cashless tolling should be passed along to drivers and bus passengers.

The plan also calls for EZ Pass discount parity between New York and New Jersey by providing EZ pass discounts for those with New York or New Jersey EZ pass accounts. However, the Port Authority Green Pass Discount Plan is available only to those with New York EZ Pass accounts. New Jersey also has a Green Pass Discount Plan that provides discounts on the Garden State Parkway and New Jersey Turnpike. A New Jersey resident with a low emission vehicle would have to maintain two EZ pass accounts and pay two service fees to receive the discount on Port Authority crossings and local highways. The plan should provide access to the Green Pass Discount Plan on an equal basis to New Jersey EZ Pass accounts that have a green vehicle endorsement.

I urge the Port Authority to amend its proposed plan to be more equitable to drivers and New Jersey residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon M. Johnson".

Gordon M. Johnson  
Assemblyman, District 37