



Dear Mrs Love,

My name is [REDACTED]

I live in Chestertown Maryland. I have been an RN for forty years.

In the areas of Kent and Queen Anne's Counties we have only volunteer responders for emergency services. Both the Rescue Squad and fire departments are short staffed and continuously advertising for help. The police staff, even though paid, are also short staffed.

Our roadways are not wide enough for heavy traffic. We sometimes must sit through a traffic light twice before moving about town. There are very few public restrooms in the area, certainly not enough to accommodate more commuters. Health services and staff have been cut back since University of Maryland took over to the point that the local population does not wish to go there for treatment.

There is nothing in the area that commuters are interested in on the way to the beach. The bridges in our area will not support more traffic. These being, Morgans Bridge, Crumpton, and Chester River Bridges. The County coffers cannot afford to replace them.



If you check the number of accidents and injuries since Thursday before Memorial Day you will find they are only increasing. The police and rescue services are being pushed to limits they are not able to handle. Being manned by volunteers, more and more employees are not wanting or allowing these providers to leave their jobs to respond to calls.

The more reasonable thing to do would be to take beach commuters the closest route to the beach and not rural areas. Proposed routes 13 and 14 take you over dual lane roads, bridges capable of carrying that amount of traffic, better equipped emergency responders and more hospitals. It seems proposed routes 13 and 14 would be the most intelligent routes. Certainly building shorter spans of bridge across the bay would be cheaper but expanding corridors of travel, providing better healthcare and emergency services will cost far more. I ask you please to consider these when deciding where to place a new crossing.

Sincerely

