

Testimony of Mr. Bill Comerford in Support of Proposed H.B. 6216,
AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE WILBUR CROSS PARKWAY AND MERRITT
PARKWAY BY SMALL TRUCKS.

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Honorable Co-Chairmen Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero, and Transportation
Committee Members,

I support this proposed bill, which would authorize the use of the Wilbur Cross Parkway and Merritt Parkway by small trucks. I am an owner of a Ford F350, which is both single wheel and axel. I work in the town of Woodbridge and my current commute time is around thirty minutes, while if I were able to take the Parkway my commute time could be cut down to ten minuets. Those twenty extra minuets that I am commuting currently makes me waste fuel, places unneeded wear and tear on my pickup truck, but also adds to the congestion of secondary roads.

I see no reason as to why my pickup truck should not travel on a parkway in which my tax dollars go to maintain. I see little difference between my pickup truck and the large oversized SUVs that can drive on the parkway currently. My pickup truck is able to fit under all the bridges on the parkways and would not add a burden to any other drivers on the parkway. This bill would ease some of the congestion on our secondary roads, while saving pickup truck drivers time and money.

Proposed H.B. 6216 would not only benefit myself, but also countless others pickup truck owners and non pickup truck owners alike. In this time of economic hardship where every penny and minute counts, I ask you to support this change to authorize the use of small trucks on the Wilbur Cross Parkway and Merritt Parkway.

Thank you for you time and consideration,

Bill Comerford