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make a statement, please?

2 FEMALE SPEAKER: Whenever you're ready.

MALE SPEAKER: Okay, Senator, it is now 3:53 p.m. on

July the 12th, 2021. Would you like to give your name and

6 SENATOR CHERYL KAGAN: I'm Cheryl, Thank you. 7 C-H-E-R-Y-L, Kagan, K-A-G-A-N. I'm very proud to be the 8 Senator for Rockville and Gaithersburg, District 17. I came 9 to testify today with four primary areas of concern. 10 are the tolls which are unclear and too high. Second, the 11 environmental impact statement, we don't have the data back 12 yet and I think it's critically important that we know about 13 the ways that this project will further destroy our 14 environment. Third, really important, is post-COVID how many 15 people will be teleworking. It seems to me that we are never 16 going to return to 9 to 5, Monday through Friday commuting 17 and since the proposed P3 project was designed to deal with 18 that kind of congestion, I think it would be premature for us 19 to move forward without knowing how many people will have 20 flexible hours, flexible days, and flexible times as well as

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a number of days working from home.

The fourth issues I

| 1 | raised before the MDTA is federal funding which has been |
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| 2 | plentiful and is now going to be targeted towards |
| 3 | infrastructure. It seems foolish for us to commit Maryland |
| 4 | taxpayer money and toll money when we could be getting |
| 5 | federal funding for infrastructure improvement. Lastly, I do |
| 6 | want to flag that there has been insufficient conversation |
| 7 | about mass transit. There is an interesting monorail |
| 8 | proposal that has been floated as well as bus rapid transit, |
| 9 | the corridor cities transit way and other proposals that I think |
| 10 | have been inadequately considered in conjunction with this |
| 11 | proposal. So as I said to the committee, or to the Board, I |
| 12 | think that this is not a no, no, never, never we certainly |
| 13 | need to address traffic, but I don't think we have the data |
| 14 | yet and therefore, moving forward with this project would be |
| 15 | premature and based on inadequate data. Thank you for |
| 16 | listening to the testimony. |
| 17 | MALE SPEAKER: Senator, before you go, I have all |
| 18 | of your information, your address, but just for the record, |
| 19 | could you please state your full address and any information |
| 20 | you want about where your office is? |
| 21 | SENATOR CHERYL KAGAN: Sure. My Annapolis office is |

| 1 | at 11 Bladen Street. The office is 2 Miller West, Annapolis, |
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| 2 | Maryland, 21401. I am very active on social media. People |
| 3 | can find my website at www.CherylKagan.org and I am on |
| 4 | Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and have a podcast even on my |
| 5 | YouTube channel. |
| 6 | MALE SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you very much. |
| 7 | SENATOR CHERYL KAGAN: Thank you, Jeff. Nice to |
| 8 | meet you. |
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