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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

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Mr. Bill Baroni  
Deputy Executive Director  
The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey  
225 Park Avenue South  
New York, NY 10003

Dear Mr. Baroni:

I was surprised to read reports of tollbooth closures in *The Record* article "Road Warrior: Closed tollbooths a commuting disaster". According to this article, The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey has reduced the number of tollbooths to just one for all traffic approaching the George Washington Bridge from Bruce Reynolds Boulevard and Martha Washington Way in Fort Lee.

This reduction has created significant delays for our constituents who live in the communities closest to the George Washington Bridge, especially for the residents of Fort Lee. Commuters who rely on the George Washington Bridge every day are experiencing extreme delays. Furthermore, I am deeply concerned that local officials and local law enforcement agencies were not properly notified of any change before it was implemented. Not only is this a problem for commuters, it also a public safety issue and could possibly hinder economic growth in the surrounding area.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this important issue. I look forward to reviewing the explanation for the recent reports of reduction in tollbooths. If I can provide any additional insight, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Deputy Chief of Staff Assad Akhter in my office at (202) 225-5751.

Sincerely,

Bill Pascrell, Jr.  
Member of Congress