

**PREPARED REMARKS FROM FORMER U.S. REP FRANK WOLF at TOLLING BRIEFING of
REPUBLICAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES**

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I want to thank these candidates for showing support to provide relief for their fellow citizens in these hard economic times with high inflation.

A toll rebate program would impact every commuter who regularly uses I-66, the 495 Beltway and even perhaps the Dulles Toll Road. This plan would be modeled after successful policies in Florida which offer rebates to frequent commuters on toll roads. Obviously, it would be crafted to fit Virginia circumstances.

This would be a significant relief to those who use these roads on a continuing basis. Keep in mind this is doable because we have a several billion dollar surplus in Virginia, all of which is taxpayers' money. I think it's appropriate for taxpayers to receive some of their hard-earned money back.

The tolls people currently pay on these roads can be so exorbitant that they leave and cut through residential neighborhoods. This plan would help prevent that.

EXAMPLE: \$30.25

I also think these candidates are spot on for advocating going back to 2 person carpools rather than the current 3 person.

3 person carpools are almost impossible to maintain on a consistent basis because someone is Travelling for business

Is on vacation

Is sick or going to a doctor's appointment

Has to work early or late for some reason

It also affects a parent taking a child to school or an appointment or a husband and wife commuting together.

Many jobs such as nurses, firemen, policemen, tradespeople have varied hours and could never be part of a consistent 3 person carpool.

Also, after COVID many people have changed their work habits, spending several days working from home.

The proposals these candidates are offering are common sense and would be good for commuters here in Northern Virginia.

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