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Crespo Pushes for General Assembly Authorization Before Future Toll Rate Increases

HOFFMAN ESTATES – In response to recent toll increases, State Rep. Fred Crespo (D-Hoffman Estates) sponsored legislation that will require the Illinois Tollway Authority to obtain authorization from the General Assembly prior to increasing toll rates.

“The recent toll increase has put an additional burden on taxpayers during a difficult time,” Crespo said. “This legislation will provide protection from future increases and give constituents a stronger voice during the process.”

House Bill 3924 would require the Tollway Authority to acquire a joint resolution from the General Assembly authorizing them to increase toll rates. Currently, the Illinois Tollway board has the ability to raise rates at their discretion without any consent from the state legislature. Crespo has worked hard to protect the taxpayers from rate hikes, including voting against last year’s tax increase and supporting a bill that would stop property taxes from increasing should the assessed value of a home decrease.

“After repeated cuts to the state budget and various agencies, I find it irresponsible that unelected members of the tollway authority raised rates without any accountability,” Crespo said. “People are struggling to make ends meet and they deserve checks and balances in government to protect them from rate increases they cannot afford and ensure that their voices are being heard.”

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