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# H. R. 5503

To amend title 23, United States Code, to direct the Director of the National Park Service to prioritize certain funds for high-commuter corridors, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 19, 2019

Mr. BROWN of Maryland (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. BEYER, and Mr. RASKIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “The Commuter Park-  
5 way Safety and Reliability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PRIORITIZATION.**

7 Section 203(a) of title 23, United States Code, is  
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(6) PRIORITIZATION.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the  
2 National Park Service shall prioritize the funds  
3 made available under the Federal lands trans-  
4 portation program for high-commuter corridors.

5           “(B) TRANSFER FOR HIGH-COMMUTER  
6 CORRIDORS.—

7           “(i) REQUEST.—If the Director deter-  
8 mines that a high-commuter corridor re-  
9 quires additional investment, based on the  
10 criteria described in clause (iv), the Direc-  
11 tor, with respect to such corridor, shall  
12 submit to the State—

13           “(I) information on condition of  
14 pavements and bridges;

15           “(II) an estimate of the amounts  
16 needed to bring such corridor into a  
17 state of good repair, taking into con-  
18 sideration any planned future invest-  
19 ments; and

20           “(III) at the discretion of the Di-  
21 rector, a request that the State trans-  
22 fer to the National Park Service,  
23 under the authority of section 132, or  
24 to the Federal Highway Administra-  
25 tion, under the authority of section

1                   104, a portion of such amounts nec-  
2                   essary to address the condition of the  
3                   corridor.

4                   “(ii) STATE RESPONSE.—Not later  
5                   than 45 days after the date of receipt of  
6                   the request described in clause (i)(III), the  
7                   State shall—

8                                 “(I) approve the request;

9                                 “(II) deny the request and ex-  
10                                plain the reasons for such denial; or

11                               “(III) request any additional in-  
12                               formation necessary to take action on  
13                               the request.

14                   “(iii) NOTIFICATION TO THE SEC-  
15                   RETARY.—The Director shall provide to  
16                   the Secretary of Transportation a copy of  
17                   any request or response described under  
18                   clauses (i)(III) and (ii).

19                   “(iv) CRITERIA.—In making a deter-  
20                   mination under clause (i), the Director,  
21                   with respect to the corridor, shall con-  
22                   sider—

23                               “(I) the condition of roads,  
24                               bridges, and tunnels; and

1                   “(II) the average annual daily  
2                   traffic.

3                   “(C) HIGH-COMMUTER CORRIDOR DE-  
4                   FINED.—In this paragraph, the term ‘high-com-  
5                   muter corridor’ means a Federal lands trans-  
6                   portation facility administered by the National  
7                   Park Service that has average annual daily  
8                   traffic of not less than 20,000 vehicles.”.

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