## **Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free** *asks:*

## <u>If seventy-five cents</u> represents an unfair tax, how can anyone <u>justify eight dollars</u> on New York City taxpayers?

Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free poses this question to the NYC Traffic Congestion Mitigation Commission:

What is the difference between a \$0.75 toll in western New York and a \$8.00 congestion charge that essentially imposes tolls on currently free East River crossings?

The Buffalo News in a November 22, 2007 story about an EXISTING toll, reported that "Spitzer called the 75-cent toll a barrier to jobs and commerce, and an "unfair" tax on the people of Buffalo." It reported the Governor stated, "It is wrong, and it will stop," in an April 8, 2006, news conference.

It also noted that, "as a candidate for governor in 2006, Spitzer said he would remove the Niagara Thruway tolls that eventually were ended in October 2006."

So we conclude by asking further:

If \$0.75 is an unfair tax, what is does that make more than 10 times that amount? A Super Grossly Extremely Unfair \$8.00 tax?

Read the entire Buffalo News article at: <a href="http://www.buffalonews.com/cityregion/buffaloerie/story/212332.html">http://www.buffalonews.com/cityregion/buffaloerie/story/212332.html</a>

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