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In an interview with the TimesLedger Newspapers released today (Thursday, February 7, 2008), City Councilman John Liu called congestion pricing "a tax."

Liu, as chair of the Council's Committee on Transportation, also told the Queens weekly, "This is a plan that will make many people angry."

"What is troubling to me is this increasing talk of using congestion pricing revenues to relieve the budget deficit of the MTA," he said. "Congestion pricing is a tax. It's a tax that should be reinvested in new and improved mass transit, not just to plug the MTA's budget gaps."

The article may be found at <u>TimesLedger.com</u> (http://www.timesledger.com/).