

Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free

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HYPOCRISY HUNT: GROUP CALLS ON MTA TO RELEASE LIST OF THOSE GIVEN FREE E-ZPASSES, BUS, TRAIN AND SUBWAY RIDES

"How Many MTA Employees are Exempt from Congestion Tax, Bus, Train, and Subway Fares, Mr. Lieber?"

New York-Jan. 8...MTA Chairman John ("Janno") Lieber should release a complete list of individuals who receive free EZ Passes, bus, train and subway rides, as a \$15-per-trip congestion pricing tax is about to go into effect in Manhattan, the group Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free today demanded.

"[The MTA is refusing](#) to give everyday New Yorkers a break on the upcoming \$15 daily congestion pricing tax, while a significant number of MTA employees and possibly others ride free everywhere," said Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free spokesman, Joshua Bienstock. "It's no wonder that Chairman Lieber and other key figures don't see the daily congestion tax as a burden — they won't have to pay it! But the working public will, and they deserve transparency from the very agency that could be taking food off their table starting in March."

Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free is asking Mr. Lieber to release the following:

- A complete list of MTA employees and others who will be exempt from the \$15 daily congestion tax;
- A complete list of MTA employees and others provided with free or discounted Metro North and Long Island Railroad travel; and
- A complete list of MTA employees and others who receive free New York City bus and subway rides.

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[Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free](#), a diverse coalition of civic, business, and labor organizations and businesses throughout New York City, argues that implementing a tax on vehicles traveling south of 60th Street in Manhattan will, among other things, permanently damage efforts to revitalize the two districts.