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Hon. David Paterson
Governor
New York State Capitol
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Dear Governor Paterson:

Once again, Brooklyn Community Board 14 (Flatbush-Midwood) is urging our elected officials to reject congestion pricing.

The Mayor's plan to require community boards to participate in any decision to implement resident parking permits will place many community boards, including ours, in a totally unacceptable position: Either the community board endorses an additional tax on its drivers, in the form of a new resident parking permit fee, or it opts to reject resident parking permits entirely, thereby forcing community residents to compete with non-residents for scarce on-street parking. This is an unacceptable choice.

It could be mitigated only by eliminating the parking fee, which would wipe out a great deal of the congestion pricing revenue. This latest complication strengthens our earlier conclusion that congestion pricing simply is not a good idea for New York City, and especially for residents of Flatbush and Midwood.

We again urge you to add your voice to those who are rejecting the congestion pricing proposal.

Sincerely yours,

Alvin M. Berk
Chairman

cc: Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg
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