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## Just the Same Old Wine Empty Bottle report Offers Nothing New **Orwellian** repackaging seeks to “hide” toll-tax on free bridges

Keep NYC Free reveals the truth about the regressive Fix NYC “Zone Pricing” scheme: It represents nothing more than a shameful intent to sell the same old wine from a brand new bottle. *Zone Pricing* applies Orwellian language to hide imposing tolls on the City’s free East River bridges. The Zone Pricing toll-tax just simply recycles congestion tax schemes marketed by MoveNY and the previous Mayor. This scheme to impose tolls fails our economy and ignores the facts that drivers of private vehicles already pay registration fees and surcharges, gas taxes and sales taxes on repairs and purchases.

Keep NYC Free discredited that ancient approach in the first iteration of the Congestion Tax. The scheme fails to raise the net revenues needed to fund any improvements. Keep NYC Free identified approaches to realize the necessary resources, including revenues if needed to resource the City to meet any commitment it makes to helping to fund the MTA (as sought by the MTA and advocated by the Governor). One source involves reform of City fees for closing streets as part of construction projects (approx. \$500 million).

Keep NYC Free (KeepNYCFree.com) documented how any toll-tax scheme fails to raise the revenues needed, offers no benefits and hurts the economy. Tolling proponents prefer to act as social engineers to take moderate, middle and lower income New Yorkers out of cars and impose their ill-advised economically devastating social agenda. No more need exists to consider this latest iteration of a toll-tax scheme that asks city residents to bear a cost nearly \$12 (\$11.52) per day. The taxers' scheme creates two New Yorks and assaults small business and working class people in the boroughs outside Manhattan and above 60th Street.

Look at the revenue reforms Keep NYC Free and others recommend. As Jimmy Messina poses in song with Kenny Loggins in the Same Old Wine,

*Can we trust in new directions  
When their promises are in disguise.*

See:

[New York Times, January 19, 2018](#)

[New York Post](#)

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