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## ***Congestion Pricing: nothing more than a tax scheme √ fails on every level √***

A recent *Queens Chronicle* [article](#), shared some interesting perceptions about the Congestion Tax Scheme. In “[No lack of opinions on congestion tolls](#),” many Queens community leaders and others raised their valid objections to the State’s Congestion Tax Scheme at the first of six public hearings held at the end of last month (August 25 – 31). It reported on my [testimony](#) for Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free where I “called out the MTA on even the most minute details, calling it nothing more than a tax scheme.”

**“It fails on every level,” Bearak said.**

**He said it would do nothing to address transit deserts in the city, and would have a disproportionate impact on low-income drivers. He also said there is no capacity to absorb the displaced cars in Brooklyn and Queens; and that it would only exacerbate pollution-based diseases such as asthma in places like the northern Manhattan, the South Bronx, Jamaica and other low-income areas.**

The article appeared in the September 1, 2022 edition of the *Queens Chronicle*.

By the way, independent tallies of the actual testimony had opponents overwhelming proponents nearly three to one.