Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free

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STATEMENT BY KEEP NYC CONGESTION TAX FREE ON 47% MANHATTAN BUSINESS DISTRICT OFFICE OCCUPANCY RATE

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"New York would be foolish to move forward with a Congestion Pricing Tax that would further discourage Manhattan office workers from returning to their desks on a daily basis, resulting in mass tax revenue losses to both the City and State.

"Just-released <u>statistics</u> show that less than half — just 47 percent — of Manhattan workers are at office desks on any given workday. Adding a \$23 paywall to travel by vehicle south of 60th Street in Manhattan is guaranteed to make things worse. It's time that Governor Kathy Hochul and Mayor Eric Adams listened to New Yorkers and reversed course on the Congestion Pricing Tax. This is strictly a matter of common sense." -- *Joshua Bienstock, spokesman, Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free.*

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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.