

Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free

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UBER, SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTOR TO MANHATTAN TRAFFIC, TO GET SPECIAL BREAK ON TAXPAYER PUNISHING CONGESTION PRICING TAX

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New York-May 26... Ride sharing company Uber, which is one of the most significant contributors to traffic in Manhattan’s core business districts, will get a huge break on the pending \$23 Congestion Pricing Tax on cars entering Manhattan south of 60th Street, while ordinary New Yorkers will be forced to pay for traffic that Uber and other ridesharing companies largely cause, the group Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free today charged.

Private automobile trips into Manhattan’s central business district have been declining for two decades, while Lyft and Uber rides have gone through the roof, the group notes. The ridesharing companies have reportedly cut a deal with New York City and State that its cars will only pay the Congestion Pricing Tax once per day, while most individual New Yorkers will be charged each time they enter the zone.

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A recent [study](#) from The Black Institute shows that a Congestion Pricing Tax in New York would disproportionately affect New Yorkers of color.

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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 increase traffic and pollution in other areas of the city and permanently damage efforts to revitalize the two districts.