Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free

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STATEMENT FROM KEEP NYC CONGESTION TAX FREE ON 'ERRANT' DAILY NEWS EDITORIAL

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"The New York Daily News has long prided itself in looking out for the little guy, which makes its <u>full-throated support</u> for a \$15 congestion pricing tax all the more head scratching. Its recent editorial blithely dismisses the legitimate concerns of thousands of New Yorkers struggling to make ends meet, and its assertion that congestion tax opponents haven't pointed out structural flaws in the plan is simply inaccurate. This tax is all about squeezing more money out of New Yorkers who can't afford it by one of the worst run transportation agencies in America. The tax will increase air pollution and traffic congestion in some of the city's poorest communities, while providing a boon to ridesharing services for the wealthy, like Uber and Lyft, who have generously donated to special interest organizations driving the pro-tax discussion. The fact that the congestion tax paywall is being erected to enter the very parts of Manhattan fighting to recover from Covid workplace and retail changes is patently asinine. It's crystal clear that New Yorkers don't want this new tax, but Governor Hochul and Mayor Adams don't seem to care. One would have expected the Daily News to take the side of real New Yorkers. What a disappointment." - Joshua Bienstock, spokesman, Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free.

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<u>Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free</u>, represents a diverse coalition of civic, business, and labor organizations and businesses throughout New York City. We share a simple vision: to keep our city congestion tax free.