

# Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free

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## **Only Bureaucrats and Misguided Progressives Support Regressive and Counterproductive Congestion Pricing Tax Plan; Real New Yorkers Know a Money Grab When They See One: Group**

### **Even Former Governor Cuomo, Who Championed Tax, Now Says it Should be Axed or Delayed**

*New York – March 13...* Hundreds of everyday New Yorkers have testified against the regressive and counterproductive congestion pricing plan at recent MTA public hearings, while those in favor of the \$15 tax to enter Manhattan south of 60th Street have almost exclusively consisted of government bureaucrats and progressive special interest groups that are largely funded by ridesharing companies Uber and Lyft, which have suspiciously negotiated carve outs for their drivers at the expense of other New Yorkers, the group Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free today charged.

“The congestion pricing tax has been fully exposed for what it is — a cynical tax grab that will enrich ridesharing companies while doing virtually nothing it promised for the public,” said Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free spokesman Joshua Bienstock. “This ill-conceived program will actually *increase* pollution and congestion in some of New York’s poorest communities, while erecting a prohibitive paywall to enter the exact areas of the city New York is ostensibly trying to revive post-Covid. Anyone with a modicum of common sense can see that the plan should be scrapped.”

Even former New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, who authorized congestion pricing in 2019 during a controversial, dead-of-night budget negotiation, now opposes the plan.

A \$15 daily congestion pricing tax (\$22.50 without EZ Pass) is scheduled to go into effect within months. Its implementation will increase everyday costs of goods and services for small businesses and all New Yorkers whether they take public transit, ride a bike, walk, rely on for hire vehicles or drive a car, the group said.

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[Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free](#), 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.