Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free

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STATEMENT ON CONGESTION PRICING TAX HALT BY KEEP NYC CONGESTION TAX FREE

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"It's hard to blame delivery and service companies for identifying this new money-maker, courtesy of Governor Hochul and the dolts at the MTA."

"Governor Kathy Hochul would be one-hundred-percent right to halt the controversial congestion pricing tax fiasco. She should then kill it and bury it deep in the ground. This regressive and totally unnecessary tax would be terrible for New York's struggling economy, and it would increase traffic and air pollution in some of New York's most vulnerable communities. The Governor should instead propose a major overhaul of the MTA, beginning with the dismissal of its current leadership. Instead of inflicting a new tax on New Yorkers, the MTA should do its job, beginning with collecting the more than \$700 million per year lost in fare and toll evasions. This tax is not only unnecessary, it would be a permanent inflationary drag on New York's economic future. It needs to go, root and branch."

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<u>Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free</u>, 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.