

Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free

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STATEMENT ON FIRM STATEWIDE OPPOSITION TO CONGESTION PRICING TAX BY KEEP NYC CONGESTION TAX FREE

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“By an overwhelming margin, New York Democrats, Republicans, and independents oppose reinstatement of the \$15 Congestion Pricing Tax plan, according to a [Siena College Research Institute survey](#) released today. This latest poll demonstrates exactly what we’re hearing and seeing across political lines: A Congestion Pricing Tax would be unfair, unaffordable, regressive, and economically counterproductive. Sixty-eight percent (68%) of Republicans, fifty-six percent (56%) of Democrats, and fifty-four percent (54%) of independents support Governor Kathy Hochul’s decision to shelve the controversial plan, which would have done nothing to improve overall city traffic and which would have increased air pollution in low-income communities.

“With New Yorkers struggling to get by in one of the most expensive states in America, reinstatement of Congestion Pricing would be a betrayal — a stinging slap in the face — to everyday New Yorkers. There are other ways to fund the MTA. The New York transit system has operated for more than 120 years without one. All we need is backbone, common-sense, and true leadership.” – *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.