

## **New Yorkers Against Congestion Pricing Tax**

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### **Statement by Susan Lee, President, New Yorkers Against Congestion Pricing Tax**

We are extremely disappointed with Governor Hochul's decision to reinstate Congestion Pricing Toll-Tax. Unfortunately, the Governor decided to listen to the well-funded groups who are in the minority instead of the voters of New York State.

On Election Day, New Yorkers and the nation sent a message loud and clear: affordability and inflation are chief among the concerns of voters. In the June Siena College poll, New Yorkers overwhelmingly rejected the inflationary and regressive economic impacts of the Congestion Pricing Toll-Tax by 2:1. The last thing New York needs and New Yorkers want is another Tax to increase our cost of living more and make things even less affordable. This toll-tax will have rippling effects on our still struggling recovery. That's why New Yorkers Against Congestion Pricing Tax, a coalition of residents from diverse neighborhoods around and outside New York City, initiated and continue to pursue a lawsuit to demand that the Federal Highway Administration perform an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to show the real impacts of Congestion Pricing (CP) on our communities.

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