Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free

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KEEP NYC CONGESTION TAX FREE CALLS ON 2025 MAYORAL CANDIDATES TO DECLARE STANCE ON CONGESTION PRICING

New York, NY, March 28 — Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free, a coalition dedicated to opposing the regressive, unfair, inequitable and harmful congestion pricing toll-tax tax in New York City, today urges all declared 2025 mayoral candidates to publicly state their positions on this critical issue affecting millions of New Yorkers.

The current roster of mayoral candidates includes:

- •Andrew Cuomo, former Governor of New York;
- Zohran Mamdani, State Assembly Member representing District 36;
- Eric Adams, incumbent Mayor of New York City;
- •Brad Lander, New York City Comptroller;
- •Scott Stringer, former New York City Comptroller;
- Jessica Ramos, State Senator for New York's 13th District;
- •Zellnor Myrie, State Senator for New York's 20th District;
- Adrienne Adams, New York City Council Speaker;
- •Michael Blake, former Assembly Member;
- •Curtis Sliwa, founder of the Guardian Angels and 2021 mayoral candidate, and
- •Jim Walden, attorney and independent mayoral candidate.

The regressive, unfair, inequitable and harmful congestion pricing toll-tax tax has been a contentious topic, with significant implications for traffic patterns, environmental impact, and the financial burden on commuters, small businesses, and consumers. As the city approaches the mayoral election, it is imperative for voters to understand where each candidate stands on implementing or opposing congestion pricing policies.

Joshua Bienstock, spokesperson for Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free, stated:

"New Yorkers deserve clarity on where our next mayor stands regarding this egressive, unfair, inequitable and harmful congestion pricing toll-tax tax. This policy affects daily commuters, small businesses, and the overall economy of our city. We call upon each candidate to clearly articulate their position so voters can make informed decisions at the ballot box."

Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free has consistently opposed congestion pricing, arguing that it places an undue financial strain on working-class New Yorkers and fails to address the underlying issues of traffic congestion effectively. The coalition advocates for alternative solutions that do not involve additional taxation of city residents,

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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.