

Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free

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MAYOR ADAMS CONCEDES THAT CONGESTION PRICING TAX WILL BADLY HURT LOW-INCOME NEW YORKERS

Will Inhibit Revitalization of Income-Producing City Business Districts: Group

New York-June 30...Mayor Eric Adams is rightly arguing that the planned Congestion Pricing Tax scheme — a \$9 - \$35 paywall to enter Manhattan south of 60th street by vehicle — will inordinately hurt low-income New Yorkers, many living in transit deserts, the group Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free today noted.

Mayor Adams is requesting an income-based exemption to the planned tax, according to news reports.

“We need to be clear that there should be a level of exemptions that we should put in place [so] that we’re not overburdening New Yorkers for using our streets,” Mr. Adams [told reporters](#) on Wednesday.

“Mayor Adams is spot on: a Congestion Pricing Tax will hurt low-income New Yorkers especially, and right in the middle of historic inflationary pressure on their pocketbooks,” said Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free spokesman Joshua Bienstock. “It will also reroute carbon-belching trucks into lower-income communities that already suffer higher asthma rates, and badly inhibit efforts to restore Manhattan’s core business districts still struggling to recover from workplace changes spurred by Covid-19. Indeed, the more one investigates the planned Congestion Pricing Tax, the worse the whole idea seems. Let’s all be given an exemption by finally scrapping this plan.”

Republican gubernatorial candidate Rep. Lee Zeldin has expressed clear opposition to a Congestion Pricing Tax going forward. Governor Kathy Hochul wants it to move forward, despite its certain detrimental effects on New Yorkers and New York businesses, 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.