

KEEP NYC CONGESTION TAX FREE

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**Statement by Walter McCaffrey,
lead spokesman for Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free**

Re: Slimmed down traffic congestion fee plan

Press reports today confirm what we knew from the very beginning. Only the millionaires living in Manhattan will be exempt from paying a driver's tax, while the seniors citizens and hard working people in Queens, Bronx and Brooklyn will be unfairly charged.

The Fool's Gold masquerading as transit improvement revenue has never been guaranteed or earmarked for mass transit, and the Commission knows this all too well. The City is right about one thing: "the gig is up." And the Commissioners had already made up their minds months ago, much to the working public's dismay and disadvantage.

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ABOUT [KEEP NYC CONGESTION TAX FREE](http://keepnycfree.com)

[Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free](http://keepnycfree.com) 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. Our members oppose the \$8 fee (\$21 for trucks) the Mayor proposes to impose on drivers entering Manhattan below 86th Street. Our members urge New Yorkers to deliver a simple message to our legislators: "Say no to the fee the Mayor wants to charge us to enter Manhattan." Many supporters and coalition members propose alternatives to the congestion tax that better address traffic issues in our entire city and provide new sources to support mass transit. For more information, visit keepnycfree.com