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Rockland opposes congestion pricing

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New City – The Rockland County Legislature Thursday night called on the state legislature to “put the brakes on” the City of New York’s congestion pricing plan” that would charge commuters extra to drive into certain areas of Manhattan.

The Rockland lawmakers feel it would unduly hurt their residents who work in the Big Apple, said Legislature Chairwoman Harriett Cornell.

“It’s really a tax on commuters and many of these commuters work unusual hours,” she said, “They come back late at night, they are nurses, they are firefighters, they are musicians, etc., and there’s just no mass transit.”

A commission established to come up with the pricing plan for New York has recommended a fee schedule and the Rockland Legislature went on record opposing that plan.