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CONGESTION TAX SCHEME: DO NOT BELIEVE THEIR LIES 15th Truth: Congestion Taxers will say anything to promote their scheme

Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free announces the fifteenth *Truth About* the City congestion tax plan to assist the public, their elected officials and the members of the commission as they move to a more deliberative stage: The supporters of the congestion tax say and promise anything in their failed attempts to promote their scheme.

New Yorkers hear them on the air, watched them on the tube, read their expensive ads in community newspapers and subways and bus banners, direct mail and even emails by those who seek to impose the unfair and inequitable congestion tax on the backs of working and middle class New Yorkers. These schemers stoop to saying just about anything to convince us that their tax will clean our environment – it will not; that their tax will adequately fund mass transit; it will not; that their tax will make a dent in congestion – it does not. Why are they putting so many dollars to make you buy their false promises and phony guarantees?

And then there are the truths they ignore. What their ads do not say include how their tax scheme promotes anti-labor practices. Further, they do not note how better alternatives exist and how their commission in their haste to impose an unfair tax did not even gloss over those better ways. No surprise, everyday you read and hear about the boondoggles they want you to pay the Congestion Tax for.

From the outset, Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free detailed how the congestion taxers played with numbers and intentionally misled the public. They seek to fool us; we show them we're Nobody's Fool. We learned a long time ago that promises are not guarantees. Get the facts on the congestion pricing scheme at <u>www.keepnycfree.com</u>

It boggles the mind why they continue to scheme for a tax mechanism that might improve traffic flow a mile per hour – if even that number proves accurate. They talk about the environment and asthma when those impacts are severe in low incomes communities such as East Harlem, The South Bronx, South Jamaica and East New York.

Anyone pushing the toll/tax schemes if they honestly care about the public interest, would state their preference for the sound alternative recommendations for traffic mitigation measures and revenues that makes sense for New York. These include the mitigation measures proposed by Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free with one-half billion or more in incidental revenues and the revenue measures proposed by its coalition partner, the Queens Civic Congress, which raises nearly 1.8 billion (\$1,774,000,000, based on the commission's analysis).

Previous #1 City's Congestion Tax does not meet supporters' claims;

- *Truths:* #2 City's Congestion Scheme Would Privatize Jobs and Waive Buy American; #3 The Public Knows Better on City's Congestion Scheme;
 - #4 The Unfair Congestion Tax;
 - #5 Just Not the Season;
 - #6 Live Outside the City, Pay No Congestion Tax;
 - #7 Congestion Tax East River Tolls give a free-pass to non-residents;
 - #8 Congestion Tax Projects and Promises Just Do Not Add Up;
 - #9 Congestion Tax Avoid the Pit Inside a Sweet Fruit; and
 - #<u>10</u> London Tax Not for NYC; Just Does Not Fit.
 - #11 Too Many Questions; So Few Answers
 - #12 Already Unfair Scheme Made Even More Punitive and Unfair
 - #<u>13</u> No Room at the Inn; Still Pay Through the Nose.#
 - #<u>14</u> Selective Review and Consideration = Flawed Plan