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**Keep NYC Responds to Daily News Editorial:  
“Thrown under the bus: State Senate Dems deliver higher fares, worse service”**

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To the editor:

The issues that “ruled out” the Ravitch scheme (Editorial: “Thrown under the bus: State Senate Dems deliver higher fares, worse service,” April 7, 2009) clearly indicate the blame falls not on courageous legislators in the State Senate as well as many of their Assembly colleagues but those to thought to impose such an unsound scheme in the first place. When both the City Comptroller and the non-partisan NYC Independent Budget Office both find that nearly two-thirds of those subject to proposed tolls on the currently free East River and Harlem River bridges live in the five boroughs and come predominantly from Brooklyn and Queens, it makes clear how unfair and inequitable that part of the scheme remains. Keep NYC Free developed a sound set of alternatives advocated by our coalition of civic, business and labor organizations.

Please visit [www.KeepNYCFree.com](http://www.KeepNYCFree.com) to read our proposals and urge our electeds officials to embrace these alternatives, which unlike the Ravitch scheme, avoids any reliance on a fare hike.

Sincerely,

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