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We can't burden small businesses with congestion pricing

In a recent [Op-ed](#), a Queens business leader advocates to “the MTA and our federal and state leaders to pump the breaks” on the toll-tax scheme “until we have fully assessed how this will affect small businesses and consumers”.

Queens Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Tom Grech, started his August 23 *amNY* [Op-ed](#),

“Congestion pricing has been discussed in the abstract sense for years now. We can all agree that increasing the number of people using public transit, and reducing vehicle traffic and greenhouse gas emissions are worthy goals. And who wouldn't want to help find billions of dollars for the MTA to invest in capital projects that will improve our region's transportation infrastructure?”

Grech continues,

“But with all proposals, the devil is in the details. Over the past few weeks, we've seen what congestion pricing would potentially look like. It would be wise for the MTA and our federal and state leaders to pump the breaks until we have fully assessed how this will affect small businesses and consumers.”

The Chamber leader concluded,

“Now is not the time to move forward with any plans that would burden small businesses and pass on additional costs to consumers. Someone should pull the emergency break, and bring plans to implement congestion pricing to a screeching halt unless and until accommodations for small businesses can be implemented.”

Read the entire op-ed at [amNY](#).