

Council Member ____
Address
City, State ZIP

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SUBJECT: Please support congestion pricing.

Dear Council Member _____,

Over the past year, City Hall has worked to develop PlaNYC 2030, a long-term plan to ensure a healthy, green and economically prosperous New York City for this generation and every one subsequently. The lynchpin of PlaNYC is congestion pricing, which has recently receive a \$354 million vote of confidence from the federal DOT in Washington. Now, two things must happen, the commission studying congestion pricing must present a proposal to the City and State legislatures, and both must support it. I'm writing to you today to ask that you support congestion pricing and pass a home-rule message after the commission issues its recommendations in January 2008.

An innovative congestion pricing plan, based on successful pricing plans in London and Stockholm, will deliver cleaner air and faster commutes. Equally important, it will help finance the next generation of transit, from new express bus lines to improved subways, a third track on the Long Island Railroad and Metro North improvements. Getting rid of traffic congestion is essential to clean air and climate: people who live or work near busy roads have dramatically higher risks of cancer, heart disease, poor lung development and asthma attacks.

As a New Yorker, I support the immediate benefits PlaNYC will bring to the city and the region. As someone who cares deeply for the city, I support this long-terming planning effort because I want my children and their children to have a high quality of life and live in a healthy, green, safe and vibrant city. And, as someone who believes that New York should be a world leader in tackling global issues like climate change, I hope you will heed the call to take action and lead by supporting congestion pricing.

Thank you.

Sincerely,