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September 8, 2023

Carl Weisbord, Chair
Traffic Mobility Review Board
Metropolitan Transit Authority
2 Broadway
New York, NY 10004

Dear Chair Weisbord and members of the Traffic Mobility Review Board,

I write to you as the duly elected Council Member of New York City Council District 38 representing Sunset Park and Red Hook. I want to thank the Review Board for all the work it is doing on ensuring that the rollout of Congestion Pricing is advancing the stated goals of reducing car congestion and climate goals within the Borough of Manhattan. It is my hope that as the TMRB advances its work it does so in a fair and equitable manner including consideration of a congestion pricing model that is appropriate and applicable to the type of vehicles it will eventually be applied to.

I support a 50% or less discount from the congestion pricing for vehicles that are fuel efficient and for two wheel vehicles. Two wheel vehicles are much smaller than your average car and truck, they create less traffic, and emit lower levels of emissions. Many of my constituents use two wheeled vehicles to commute and for work. It would be inequitable to charge a congestion pricing at full levels when compared to trucks and large SUVs who I believe contribute the most to the issue the State and City are looking to address.

I urge the TMRB to set toll rates for two wheeled vehicles at 50% or less of the toll rate for cars and commercial vans. Should you require any additional information or further support, please do not hesitate to contact my office at district38@council.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alexa Avilés".

Alexa Avilés
Council Member
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