

December 18, 2024

The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul:

Thank you for your decision to move forward with the implementation of congestion pricing, a landmark policy that will reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality and health outcomes, and secure critical funding for New York's public transportation system. Ensuring the implementation of this initiative early next year prioritizes an important sustainable transportation and climate solution and demonstrates your leadership by providing a model for other states and cities confronting similar challenges. By advancing congestion pricing, New York continues to set an example for the nation, demonstrating that economic growth, environmental sustainability, and equity can go hand in hand – an example that is more crucial than ever in the wake of last month's election.

This decision signals your dedication to ensuring New York achieves its ambitious climate and transportation goals and we look forward to supporting your efforts as this vital program is rolled out. Thank you again for your leadership and for taking this critical step forward for New York's future.

Sincerely,

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Evergreen Action

Ben Jealous, Executive Director
Sierra Club

Fred Krupp, President
Environmental Defense Fund

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