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Governor of New York State  
NYS State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

The Honorable John J. Flanagan  
Temporary President and Majority Leader  
New York State Senate

The Honorable Carl E. Heastie  
Speaker  
New York State Assembly

Dear State Leaders:

Many of us sent you a letter in January expressing our support for a comprehensive congestion plan for New York City that would significantly ease congestion in New York City and raise critical funds for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA). The signatories of that letter comprise a broad group of NGOs, academics, and private companies (many of which back the Shared Mobility Principles for Livable Cities, found at [sharedmobilityprinciples.org](http://sharedmobilityprinciples.org)).

We continue to believe that there should be simple, fair charge to account for the impact of all types of vehicles on the most congested Manhattan streets, whether it is a privately owned automobile, a taxi, or a for-hire vehicle. It appears, however, that you may be considering applying a surcharge only on for-hire vehicles. If this is the case, we believe it is critical that you target any surcharge above existing taxes only at single passenger options.

As we have stated before, any serious congestion plan or tax structure should encourage the use of multi-passenger options and discourage the use of vehicles transporting only one passenger. This is why in our January letter we wrote: **“Congestion policy and taxes should clearly incentivize multi-passenger pooling options.”**

**We urge you to apply any surcharge over the existing tax only to single passenger options.**

Sincerely,

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