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Queens Civic Congress makes call for fare alternatives to tolls, cuts and hike

Statement by Kathy Masi, Vice President, Queens Civic Congress
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Queens Civic Congress a coalition of over 110 civic, community, cooperative, tenant and other organizations in the borough of Queens, calls on the public to contact their state legislators to oppose the Ravitch toll-tax-reliant scheme that that couples hikes fares and unfair, inequitable and inefficient tolls on our free East River and Harlem River bridges. The alternatives are not the gargantuan fare hikes and services cuts Ravitch allies threaten every day. Queens Civic Congress early in this dialogue advanced preferable revenue measures and we participate in a coalition that includes several more. We urge Albany to shift gears and get behind these alternatives, which unlike the unfair, inequitable, inefficient toll-tax reliant Ravitch scheme, avoids any reliance on a fare hike.

Queens Civic Congress testified and issued statements that proposed fair and sound revenue alternatives. The coalition we joined to oppose congestion tax and the tolls developed additional proposals (and included our revenue reforms). Our message to Albany remains clear: Seize this opportunity to adopt sound alternatives to fare hikes and unfair, inequitable and inefficient tolls on our free East River and Harlem River Bridges, including our own Queensborough Bridge. As we testified to the MTA earlier this year, Queens Civic Congress questions any need for hikes or service cuts when creditable resources exist to support MTA operations and projects.

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