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Dear Councilmember Liu:

The Women's City Club of New York commends you for the leadership role you have taken in advocating a congestion pricing program for New York City (Daily News Op-Ed, 2/17/08). Last June our Board of Directors adopted a position in favor of a trial congestion pricing plan for Manhattan, as follows:

Resolved that the WCC supports the development and implementation of a pilot congestion pricing program for New York City, along with the expansion and improvement of mass transit facilities, with the funds created by the congestion pricing program to be reinvested in additional public transportation improvements.

More recently, we expressed support for the modified plan recommended by the Traffic Congestion Mitigation Commission in January. Your backing as Chair of the City Council Transportation Committee is important to move the plan forward.

We agree with you that "the basic idea behind congestion pricing is sound," but we also strongly believe, as you do, that New Yorkers deserve and need a guarantee that revenues from congestion pricing be dedicated solely to transit. Legislation must provide tamper-proof measures to ensure that monies are not siphoned off to other projects.

We look forward to working with you as implementing legislation moves through the City Council and State Legislature.

Sincerely yours,

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