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Kathy Hochul
Governor
State of New York
633 3rd Avenue
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Dear Governor Hochul,

Congratulations on becoming the Governor of the State of New York. I look forward to working with you on behalf of Manhattanites and all New Yorkers during these challenging times.

Regarding congestion pricing, I write to request you nominate the remaining members of the Traffic Mobility Review Board (TMRB) and include at least one resident of Manhattan to the panel. Currently only one member, NYC Department of Finance Commissioner Sherif Solomon, has been recommended for nomination to the board, by Mayor de Blasio.

As you are aware, legislation passed in 2019 that created the TMRB required at least one representative from the Metro-North and LIRR regions, but not specifically a representative from Manhattan, the borough which will experience the most immediate impact. There are a litany of outstanding questions that the TMRB must weigh in on, most of which are of great consequence to Manhattanites. Not having representation on the board from Manhattan would be a mistake that would likely take away from congestion pricing's enormous potential.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Gale A. Brewer
Manhattan Borough President

cc: Janno Lieber, Acting Chairman and CEO, Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Majority Leader, New York State Senate
Honorable Carl Heastie, Speaker, New York State Assembly
Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor, City of New York
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