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Whereas, A congestion pricing system, which imposes a fee on motorists who drive into Manhattan's central business district, would only tax a relatively small number of residents of the City and its surrounding regions to attempt to solve a congestion problem that plagues an entire region; and

Whereas, Transportation and the act of commuting to work are regional issues, not merely limited to residents living within the City or within a particular area of the City, and congestion and traffic are not limited

to the central business district of Manhattan; and

Whereas, To address a regional congestion problem, the beneficiaries from improvements in subways, commuter rails, highways, bridges and tunnels within the greater New York City region should help to pay for such improvements; and

Whereas, A one-third of one percent (.33%) payroll tax represents a small burden that would be fairly spread across a large base; and

Whereas, All businesses rely on people who commute to work or commute to shop or do business with their company; and

Whereas, The one-third of one percent payroll tax could be administered by a regional authority, so it would not effectively be a commuter tax, but rather a tax to improve services for commuters; and

Whereas, According to projections by the New York City Independent Budget Office, in its first year, such a tax would generate an estimated one billion dollars in revenue, with that amount doubling per annum in fifteen years; and

Whereas, Such a regional payroll tax would be far more efficient than a congestion pricing plan, which would require that a high percentage of the revenue generated go to collection costs, and would generate far more revenue for transit and transportation infrastructure than congestion pricing; and

Whereas, In its first year of collection, a regional payroll tax would generate approximately $300 million more than the combined amount of the $390 million in projected annual revenue from the Mayor's congestion pricing plan and one shot $354 million in Federal aid; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York State Legislature to enact a one-third of one percent (.33%) payroll tax, to be imposed on businesses within the City of New York and within the surrounding counties of Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester and Rockland, and to create a regional authority to administer this revenue, which would be dedicated to improving and maintaining subways, commuter rails, highways, bridges and tunnels within the greater New York City region.

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