



# PRESS STATEMENT

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## **NYPIRG STRAPHANGERS CAMPAIGN STATEMENT ON GOVERNOR HOCHUL'S DECISION TO DELAY CONGESTION PRICING START**

### **The Governor makes a bad decision on Congestion Pricing delay**

*(N.Y., N.Y.)* Today, Governor Hochul announced that she has directed the MTA to indefinitely delay implementation of Congestion Pricing, which was scheduled to start June 30.

**The following statement is attributable to Natasha Elder, NYC Regional Director for NYPIRG:**

“Governor Hochul's decision to delay implementation of Congestion Pricing tells subway and bus riders they don't rank. Congestion Pricing was passed by the Legislature in 2019 after a years-long campaign, good faith advocacy, policy review, and negotiations, followed by a multi-year review and public engagement process. As long-time supporters of the law, the NYPIRG Straphangers Campaign is stunned that Governor Hochul has delayed implementation just a couple weeks before its start.

MTA's desperately needed infrastructure upgrades that Congestion Pricing revenue would fund are now on the chopping block. New Yorkers must now brace for a summer of streets choked by congestion and tailpipe pollution, when increased bus and subway service and cleaner air could have been our reality.”

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