

April 1, 2025

The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Via email

Re: Congestion Pricing and the Constitution Pipeline

Dear Governor Hochul:

We, the undersigned, read with alarm the myriad reports of President Donald Trump attacking congestion pricing and demanding the approval of the long-dead Constitution Pipeline. Congestion pricing is proving to be both popular and effective as New Yorkers enjoy shorter commutes and cleaner air. The decision to deny the Constitution Pipeline, first made way back in 2016, has not only protected New York's water, air, and climate, but also been a crucial piece of the state's commitment to end our reliance on fossil fuels. Both of these issues must be complete nonstarters in any negotiations with the Trump Administration, and we urge you to publicly communicate that clearly.

Congestion pricing is working. The twin goals of the program are to reduce the number of cars traveling into New York City and raise money for critical transit improvements. On both counts, the program is working as intended. Traffic in New York City is already down dramatically, and the \$15 billion raised from congestion pricing is going directly to the MTA Capital Plan to fund new subway cars, electric buses, signal upgrades, new elevators at over 20 stations, and more. No wonder the program is growing [more popular](#) by the day.

The Constitution Pipeline, a proposal to bring fracked gas from Pennsylvania to New York, would devastate New York's water quality and climate goals while keeping the state hooked on polluting fossil fuels that keep energy costs sky-high for consumers. Despite being soundly rejected by New Yorkers and the New York Department of Environmental Conservation, whose denial was upheld by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, the Trump administration is now attempting to revive the project.

As New York faces attacks on one policy victory after another from DC, we need leadership from our elected officials in New York. We must not cede the state's authority to clean our air and water and fund critical transit improvements.

We urge you to state publicly that congestion pricing and the Constitution Pipeline are settled issues that will not be reopened. It's time to stand up and fight.

Sincerely,

Riders Alliance

Food & Water Watch

Catskill Mountain Keeper

Citizen Action

Frack Action

New York Communities for Change

New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG)

Sane Energy Project

Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter

Stop the Pipeline

Straphangers Campaign

StreetsPAC

Tri-State Transportation Campaign