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Dear Chairman Lieber,

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) and the over 241,000 rank-and-file officers we represent across the country, I am writing to advise you of our serious concerns with the newly approved Central Business District Tolling Program of New York City (Congestion Pricing) and urge you to exempt law enforcement officers from the toll.

SCOTT HOVSEPIAN

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NAPO is a coalition of police groups and associations from across the United States, including those of the Port Authority Police Department and the New York City Police Department, that serves to advance the interests of America's law enforcement through legislative and legal advocacy, political action, and education. Founded in 1978, NAPO now represents more than 1,000 police unions and associations and over 241,000 sworn law enforcement officers who share a common dedication to fair and effective crime control and law enforcement.

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The Congestion Pricing plan expected to go into effect in April 2024 will charge commuters up to \$23 just to enter New York City below 60th Street. This puts an undue burden on our public safety officers who commute into the City every day to serve and protect its citizens. Law enforcement officers work nonstandard hours and can be called in to duty on short notice at any time of day to any precinct. Driving into the City for work is a necessity for them, not an elective convenience. This toll would cost officers approximately \$6,000 annually just to commute to and from work *in addition to* the expensive bridge and tunnel tolls that they currently must pay. The Congestion Pricing plan will undoubtedly cause NYPD and PAPD officers to consider leaving their jobs due to this extra financial burden, jeopardizing already understaffed departments.

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The Congestion Pricing plan will impact more than just the number of vehicles driving into Manhattan, it will affect public safety. We urge you to reconsider the Congestion Pricing and at the very least exempt law enforcement officers from the toll.

We appreciate your consideration of our concerns. If we can provide any assistance, please feel free to contact me at (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson
Executive Director