

**TZB-101E**

Sir,

Speaking as a resident of West Haverstraw and a Tappan Zee Bridge commuter, barely surviving the Mirant debacle with an over 100% property tax increase, the idea of congestion pricing and other means to have commuters pay for bridge improvements seems disproportionate and unfair.

While it is clear that the span as it exists is inadequate, I urge that all possible options be exhausted before passing the cost of a replacement or major capital improvement on to the local tax payers.

Since the Palisades Center Mall is a large contributor to current bridge and Thruway traffic, and a drain on local municipal resources, **I suggest implementing a plan to charge for parking at the mall** as a way to relieve the local population of tax payers from bearing the entire burden of cost.

Thank you

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